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# Children's Festival

Sun 22 August, Central Park, 11am - 4pm

A special day out for children with a mix of workshops and entertainment, including: Big Beat, Bash Street Theatre, DJ Stirling, 'Climb and Go' Climbing Wall... and much much more... run by the Vale Council's Play Development Team.



# The Ban

With over 40 FREE outdoor performances, the Barry International Street Festival will feature, amongst many others, the famous Natural Theatre Company, 'Walk the Plank' with their Le Jardin Flambee fire garden, the fabulous slinkies, Flame Oz and world class body art. Performances will take place in Holton Road, King Square and Central Park."

Cllr Anthony Ernest, Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism.

# Music Daze

Mon 23 August

Live street music from around the world...

Rail Road Bill - 11:30am, 1pm & 2pm Trans Siberian Band - 12pm, 1:30pm & 2:30pm

# Market Daze

Tues 24 August

The ever-popular Barry market plays host to some surprising market traders and strange visitors. Can you tell who is real and who is not?

The Fairly Fresh Fish Co - 12pm, 1pm & 2pm The Thinker - 11:30am, 12:30am & 1:30pm

Dot Comedy - 11:30am to 2:30pm Picasso Griffiths - 11am to 3:30pm



Wed 25 August

Weird and wonderful street art...

Natural Theatre Company - 11am, 1pm & 2pm Bedlem Oz - The Slinkies (left) - Between 11am & 3pm

Raphaelle - 11am to 3pm

# Pich and Mix Daze Thurs 26 August

A mix of heady talent and dance workshops for the whole family...

Natural Theatre Company - 11am, 1pm & 2pm

The Workmen - 12pm, 1:30pm & 2:30pm

DJ Stirling - 11:30am, 1pm & 2pm

Zumba Dance - 12pm to 1pm

# Le Jardin Flambee

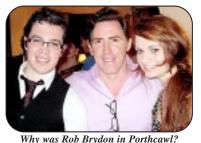
Fri 27 August Central Park 9рт - 10:30рт

An event your family will remember for a lifetime! Critically acclaimed outdoor arts and performance company 'Walk the Plank' (who closed the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games) will transform Central Park into Le Jardin Flambee. This fiery landscape will include flaming thistles, lillies ejecting 10 foot flames, blazing bulrushes, fiery trees and giant burping begonias! Come and wander through the garden of fire, light and sound. There may be long queues so please be patient this is a first for Wales, and guests 'Flame Oz' will provide further fiery entertainment on the streets as you queue.

# Wheel Fest

Sat 28 August, Central Park, 11am - 4pm

A co-promotion by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Youth Service and Events Department, featuring Team Extreme, the only professional BMX skateboarding and inline skating display team in the UK. There will be opportunities to sign up to workshops with Team Extreme on the day. Also taking place will be performances and workshops with the youth service's own pipe, live music, and the VPOD - the Vale's new interactive youth bus.



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# **MAESTEG'S FIREFIGHTERS OPPOSE NEW** WORK ROSTER

WHEN Maesteg Town Council held its most recent meeting, councillors found a large group of local firefighters on the steps of the town hall (left).

They were there to make councillors aware of their concerns about new shift patterns that are due to be introduced in the Llynfi Valley. FOR A FULL REPORT ON THE

ISSUE, TURN TO PAGE 12.

Total of 70 families with young children to miss out

# AXE SET TO FALL ON HOMESTART FAMILY CHARIT

provides which for 70 support families with young children is funding it gets from Bridgend Countv Borough Council (BCBC).

Homestart The Charity is set to lose the £34,000 it gets from the Children's Services directorate from next

This year, its money was reduced to £20,000 in a "phased withdrawal" of funding.

The money it gets from BCBC is used to help 32 families through-out Porthcawl, Bridgend and Pencoed.

But the work that Homestart does in the valley areas, plus Cornelly-Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr, is funded from a separate grant from the Welsh Assembly Government which is targeted at areas of high deprivation. Their work in those areas will carry on.

Homestart operates by training volunteers to help families which need help. The only criterion is that there should be at least one child under the age of five.

The loss of the fund-Ine loss of the funding could mean that the entire operation in the Bridgend-Porthcawl area will be lost, with all families losing support and "It could be as simple as the ping trip or a shopping trip or an outing to the park, or just playing with the child while the

# **GEM EXCLUSIVE** by JAYNE ISAAC

30 volunteers axed.

young children is all charity that started up likely to lose all the in Bridgend in 1997, covering the valleys. In 2000, it expanded to take in the whole borough.

One of the scheme anagers is Sally managers George, who runs the Bridgend operation. She said that the charity families young children who may be in need of support for a variety of reasons.

"The people we help are often families where there are a number of children born close together or those with twins," said Sally.

"Sometimes there is a single parent – we help single mums and dads. Sometimes, a parent or child may have disabilities or there may be other reasons for stress. Every case is different.

Many families are referred by health visitors or social workers and each is assessed by either Sally or her col-league Lynne Thomas, who runs the northern

If they are accepted. the family is then matched with a suitable volunteer, who goes along to help.

"It could be as simple

mother washes her hair or has a chill-out" said

Sally.

"Volunteers are never dren and sometimes, being with the parent is as important as being with the child. It gives support to them as well."

The volunteers are both male and famale.

those areas.

"We have children liv-

ing in bedsits with their

parents in Porthcawl but it's a side of the town

both male and female and sometimes the men go to single mums in order to provide a male role model to young

boys. Sometimes, a female volunteer will go to a single dad to help him with a daughter. She said that the char-

ity also has an important role in training volun-teers – many of them go on to undertake training to become social workers or go into the caring professions. The charity liaises with Bridgend College over the training

regime. Some volunteers are older people who are parents or grandparents and who use their experience to help young families.

The charity was told January that Children's Services were withdrawing funding. It was initially proposed to take away all the money from April but, after a protest, it was decided to stagger it with £14,000 going this year and £20,000 next year.

Sally explained that

she said. "We are desperate to keep the service going to help all the famwhile WAG targets areas ilies who rely on us." deprivation

Communities First and similar areas, there were Sally has been with the charity since 1998 small pockets of deprivaand is a senior manager. tion in every community Apart from Lynne, the including Porthcawl only other employee is a Bridgend. There part-time secretary. would appear to be no funding to help people in

The cuts would mean axing one of the managers and reducing the secretarial hours.

that people do not see,

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

# Financial chief stole from his **Bridgend firm**

financial troller Bridgend-based company defrauded his employers of thousands of pounds over a fivemonth period.
Cardiff Crown Court

heard that at the time, 45-year-old Mark Roberts was under

financial pressure.

Roberts, of Cardiff, a man with no previous convictions, admitted seven charges of fraud and was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment. suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work for the community.

Prosecutor Steven

Harmes said:

"This case involves a breach of trust.

"At the time of the fences, in 2008,

offences, Open cast

THE long-running battle between a company which wants to extend its open cast mining operation near Kenfig Hill and local residents was back in court this week.

See page 8 for a report.

## Report by AJ SICLUŇA

Roberts was the financial controller of Dekor PLC of Bridgend, overseeing all finances and with full access to the accounting system.

received £43,000 a year salary and a car.

"It was discovered that over a period of five months, he had submitted false petty cash claims "

When arrested, said Mr Harmes, he "tried to deflect the allegations away from him.

His counsel, Roger Griffiths, said:
"His best mitigation

is his guilty plea. It is true that when arrested, he tried to avoid culpability.

"Í accept it cannot be avoided that there was a great breach of trust. Roberts, he said, had now lost his good name and reputation, having been a management accountant all his working life.

He said the company had taken him to County Court and obtained a judgement against him for £145,000.

"Foolishly, he fell to temptation." said Mr Griffiths.

Judge Patrick Curran said: "Basically, you stole from your employ-er by fiddling petty cash vouchers and obtained between £2,000 and £3,000. "You were in the

highest possible posi-

tion of trust."
He said he began committing the offences within two months of starting his employment and had written to the court apologising, and saying he wanted to make full recompense.

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# **VISIT THE 'NEAREST THING** TO HELL' WHERE LIFE IS CHEAP

RESIDENT-ELECT Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia described his country as champions of kidnapping, degrading human rights, killing and displacement of

people. Colombia, he said, was the nearest thing to hell as a country. I met him last week as part of a delegation from Justice for Colombia which included three Westminster MPs, six MEPs two senior lawyers and the general secretaries of six UK, one American and two international trades

Colombia is the size of France, Germany and the UK combined and has a population of 45 million people. You may know the country from the Harrison Ford film lear and Present

Danger.
The capital district of Bogota is home to around 8.5 million residents. Colombia exports petroleum (BP is the second largest foreign investor), coal (the largest opencast mine in the world), emeralds (over half of the world's emeralds), nickel, gold, copper, iron ore and nat-

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ural gas. Agriculture employs 25 per cent of the workforce, with exports of bananas, sugarcane, palm oil and cut flowers. It is also a major illegal exporter of cocaine to the UK.
For 45 years there has

been a war in Colombia, mainly between govern-ment forces and leftwing guerrillas groups. Recently, right wing paramilitary organisa-tions, often working with the security forces, have joined the conflict. The war causes immense suffering for the people of Colombia In 2002, a group of

British trade union lead-ers were the first official delegation from the UK to visit Colombia. During their week's visit, six trade union activists were assassinated and the group returned home vowing to work to raise awareness of what was happening. In March 2003, Justice for Colombia was launched.

During our five days in Colombia, we met with newspaper editors, lawyers, the president and vice-president elect, the foreign minister, sen-ior trades unionists, families of victims of the 'false positive scandal' and flew to the town of La Macarena to hear tes-timonies of victims and

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WESTMINSTER

**Bridgend MP** MADELEINE MOON reports on a visit she made to Colombia.



local army post.

We visited political prisoners in Buen Pastor women's prison, met with senators and congressmen, families of Colombians for Peace and the UK British

Nominally, Colombia is a parliamentary democracy with elec-tions every four years, but there is wide spread corruption, with turn-out and serious violence within the political process.

Colombia's paramilitary death squads are responsible for much of the violence, abuses and deaths in the country.

The paramilitary have three sources – landowners and business people, drug cartels and army death squads developed to carry out a dirty war

peared and many imprisoned and attacked. A total of 4.5 million

people have been moved off their land and out of their home regions. A land area the size of Austria has been seized. often after the execution of local community leaders, massacres of com-munities and the disappearance of individuals.

In November 2005, the Ministry of Defence issued Directive 29 giving a financial bonus to soldiers and incentives. including leave days and promotion for killing a guerrilla.

This led to an upsurge

in extra-judicial killings of men and boys, who were then dressed in guerrilla uniforms to claim rewards.

Our group took evidence from mothers in Soacha where boys from a poor neighbourhood were seduced with false offers of employment, taken hundreds of miles away by the army and killed before being dressed in guerrilla uniforms.

When the families tried to reveal what had taken place, they received death threats and some were killed. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights investigated and said that the scale of killings in Columbia constituted a 'crime against humani-ty'. In Colombia, these are known as false posi-

tive killings.
At La Macarena, we attended a hearing of evidence of disappearances, killings and dis-persals. The day after we left Colombia, President Uribe visited La Macarena and praised

responsible for the abuses and said those attending the hearing there

were linked to terrorism.
The defence minister Gabriel Silva reportedly claimed that images of the unidentified graves at La Macarena were in taken in the former Yugoslavia.

Impunity is at the centre of the human rights crisis in Colombia. Noone is brought to justice for the killings. The UN reports that in 98.5 per cent of cases where the army has executed civilians no one has been brought to justice.

Here in Bridgend, the

Gerado Cruz award is presented at the Bridgend College annual awards ceremony to a student in trade union studies. Gerado Cruz was assassinated on his return to Colombia following a visit to Bridgend and the college had followed events in

Colombia ever since. Colombia is a major exporter of cocaine. The use of paramilitary forces is seen by some a a way forward in Afghanistan. The UK will soon be asked to sign a free trade agreement with Colombia.

A foreign office min-ister will attend the inauguration of President Santos. I have urged the minister to set benchmarks for the new gov ernment, in human rights and trades union rela tionships, in the disbanding of the DAS and sup-port for the judiciary.

Until these are in lace, there should be no British support of the free trade agreement.

To learn more go to http://www.justicefor-colombia.org/

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ture and sexual violence In the 1990s, they merged into the (AUC) United-Self Defence Forces of Columbia. The AUC and the Colombian military patrol together, have joint offensives and

share bases and commu-nications facilities. This close relationship has been recorded by the UN. Amnesty

International and Human Rights Watch. The para-political scandal has also revealed close links between senior political figures and the paramili-Evidence showed the

DAS worked with paramilitaries to carry out assassinations, electoral fraud and protected drug

operations. Life is cheap in Colombia. Up to the end of June 2010 at least 31 trades unionists have been murdered, 196

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Coun Jill Sweet,

Porthcawl

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# HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 12)
The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those

the night dues taked in this week's OBM are mose in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyon putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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# NDERPASS AT YN

munity-minded by B&Q and we contacthave ed voungsters transformed an underpass Ynysawdre – blighted by graffiti for years – into a blaze of colour.

Along with neighbour-hood police, the 'Moving Forward' project and the youth service, they painted a summer scene of hills, trees, butterflies and flowers in the pedestrian tunnel that runs between Heol yr Ysgol and Bryn Road

Operation Gomez was led by PCSOs Janine Ireland and Chris Bowen,who teamed up with youth project worker Georgina Bunch.

Local stores, including &Q and Homebase, supplied paint and materials.

PCSO Ireland explained: "The tunnel the has been dogged by graffiti over many years and by tafter I moved to the bee. Ynysawdre ward a few weeks ago.

"I had a chance meeting with Georgina Bunch from the 'Moving Forward' project at Ynysawdre school youth

"We spoke about the tunnel on Bryn Road and the problem of graffiti. Paint had been donated to Ynysawdre youth club tunnel this week."

and blue denim jeans.

July 24.

A GROUP of com- for community projects Homebase Bridgend, who donated in painting equipment.

"We also had to obtain the support of the community council, which gave us more brushes and marker pens, as well as permission to paint the

tunnel.
"Much of the hard work and enthusiasm has come from Georgina Bunch and the young parents who attend the Moving Forward project

. During the course of painting the subway, we invited many members of the community to add their hand prints to the tunnel as they passed through.

"Ynysawdre's BCBC vouth summer scheme also brought youths to add their hand prints to the tunnel and local PC Mathew Tatchell popped by to paint on a bumble

"It has been amazing working on this multi-agency scheme and each who through the tunnel told us of their appreciation of the art on the walls and how it has brightened the

Police seek man

who damaged car

PORTHCAWL police are trying to trace a

man who jumped on and damaged a silvercoloured Saab parked on Suffolk Close,

Porthcawl, at around 10.30pm on Saturday,

a green T-shirt with black writing on the front

He was about 25 years old and was wearing

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# underpass Town Hall vital to Maesteg' - says council

PCSO Chris Davies with Georgina Bunch and PCSO Janine Ireland

and some of the young painters helping to transform the

the Town Hall.

The question of the council's support for the town hall had been placed on the agenda for the last meeting. The council gives the hall

£24,000 a year. Coun Keith Edwards said that the hall was a vital and integral part of the community.

"Its management is not our responsibility," he said. "We have to keep on sponsoring it. We cannot afford not to."

Coun Colin Teesdale pointed out that the hall belonged to the valley tangible that people and the council had to do could see the result of. everything it could for it succeed

He Lynne Beedle, who represents the town council on the board of management, was now vicechairman and he warned that without help, the hall would quickly fall into

"We have a hall that we can be proud of. It is much envied by the rest he was concerned about of the borough, which hire charges which many does not have such a organisations found very building. It is expensive high. to run and we must keep our eye on the ball and keep it going.

MAESTEG Town said that a new manage-Council has reiter ment committee had had seen the hard work lated its support for been elected at the AGM himself that Mr Morgan and everyone was work-ing hard to get things right and get the hall on a better footing. She added: "We have a

new chairman in Huw Morgan, who is excellent the benefits of this," he and is working extremely hard to get the hall back

on track.
"We are very grateful "We are very grateful for the money we get from the town council and BCBC each year, but we are also fighting to increase our income.

Coun Terry Mizen said that the money given by the town council to the town hall was something

"People have said to me that they do not mind said that Coun paying through their Beedle, who rep-council tax to contribute to this facility. Maesteg would disappear without this hall - it is the iewel in the crown but we mus keep our eye on what's happening. We rely total-ly on the management committee

Coun Phil Jenkins said

Coun Ross Thomas who has just been elected eep it going." to the committee, said again Coun Lynne Beedle that the hall had a fantas-would

tic new chairman and he is doing.

"We also have some other new faces on the committee and we can only hope that we reap added.

# **MAN IS JAILE** AFTER ATTAC

SHORTLY leaving a pub in Nantyffyllon, a voung man became the victim of an attack by a fellow drinker who was in a "drunken jealous temper", it was stat- premises. ed at Cardiff Crown Court

Lee Palmer, 19, was jailed for a total of two

He pleaded guilty to robbing Paul Olphert and he also admitted being in breach of a suspended sentence imposed for causing actual bodily

## by AJ SICLUNA

Morris: "You committed the pavement, passed out. the robbery in a drunken, jealous temper over something you thought happened in licenced

"I accept it was committed on the spur of the moment.

Prosecutor Hallett said that one night in May, Mr Olphert was in the Elder Bush pub in Nantyffyllon. At the defendant's girlfriend
Mr Olphert left the
Mr Olphert left the

rrm. pub and was followed by fracture was caused by Said Judge David Palmer, who hit him over falling."

glass. He fell to the ground, hit his chin on

He suffered a frac-tured jaw and a head injury and the following day, discovered his wallet had been taken.

Palmer's counsel, Sarah Waters, said: "He accepts he is guilty of a serious offence.

"He left school with no qualifications. Things began to go wrong when he started a relationship and became involved in

# Thomas wins the local car crime competition

THERE were smiles all round when eight-year-old Thomas Hutt from Brackla was presented with first prize for winning the car crime competition, held during the Central West Police Open

Day.
Thomas correctly identified the 10 factors which made the car, a Mitsubishi Colt kindly donated by Nathaniels for the day, appealing to

the passing thief.
Among the indicators Thomas spotted were: Car key left on a wheel; money on the dashboard; Satnav holder stuck on the windscreen; parcel shelf removed and items on view in the boot.

Thomas won a trip to Thunder Road Café for himself and his family, kindly sponsored by Thunder Road Motors. Bridgend. Safer Bridgend goodie bags went to second prize



**Proud Thomas Hutt** with his winning competition form.

winner nine-year-old Amelia of Bridgend, and third prize winner eight-year-old Josh of Brackla.

Deborah Elward. Safer Bridgend crime reduction tactical tdvisor said: "We wanted to highlight that although newer cars can be more difficult to steal with up to date security technology, locking wheel nuts, people must ensure they do not become a victim Don't make it easy for the passing thief.
"Never ever leave any

items on display in your

car: cash, sat nav, CDs, mobile phones, even empty carrier bags, need to be removed from the car completely, or if this is not possible, lock items away in the boot before setting off on your journey and ensure that your parcel shelf is in place if your car is a hatchback

When removing satellite navigation devices, wipe away the suction marks off the window or dashboard with a cloth, as upon with a cioth, as upon seeing these, a thief will assume you have simply put the device in the boot of the car. "There are plenty

more preventative tips on our website: www.saferbridgend.org.u

"Open day was a resounding success and I would like to thank all 150 people who took part in the competition, and Nathaniels for their kind loan of a new car for the event," she

RW

# TOILETS GET GO-AHEAD AT MAESTEG WELFARE

MAESTEG Town attendant. He pointed out Council is to press ahead with plans to provide toilet facilities in Maesteg

Welfare Park.
The council has set aside money this year to do this work, but so far, has failed to convince the ities inside the bo borough council that the scheme is viable.

council that the external could toilets in the park are in a these. poor condition because of vandalism and have been closed.

that when rugby and football matches are being played, the sports pavilion at Heol Ty Gwyn is open and toilet facilities are available for home and away teams

There were toilet facilities inside the bowls pavilion which could be made available to the Bridgend County public when the pavilion
Borough Council was open, and money
(BCBC) has told the from the town council could be used to upgrade

Coun Keith Edwards commented that this was the first time the option been closed.

The council's head of street scene, Richard Fletcher, said that he did not think that refurbishing these toilets was cost

hours the pavilion would ing: "If there's a bowls be open to the public. Coun Mike Har

called a public toilet if it

was only open for restricted hours.
Coun Colin Teesdale reported the group that inspected the park were in favour of refurbishing that the council should be are the control of the color o the public toilets in the park but there was no

issue of who would clean the toilets," he added. "But how can they talk of improving the park if people cannot use a toi-let. We need to take this more seriously with up mor

Coun Terry Mizen pointed out that the toiwould be no full time he wanted to know what maintenance and fund.

be open to the public.

Coun Mike Harpur let the public use the toistated that it could not be lets? What time scale are we talking about?
"The schools use the

concentrate on getting the outside toilets refurwill on the part of the bished so that children BCBC to do this.

"There was also the have somewhere to go when they are desper-

> Coun Bill May warned that when the council had discussions with BCBC about toilets at the park last year, they had want-ed the town council to pay £19,000 a year to clean and open the toi-



# The Rotarians' £1,758 cheque for Sandville

the proceeds were erosity.

THE Rotary Club Gwyneth Poacher from for any person in need. of Bridgend held a the Sandville with a charity golf day cheque for £1,750, and some of the recent visirecently and half of the proceeds were

she thought was tragic.

donated to the Sandville Self Help Centre at Kenfig.
Rotarian Stan Harding presented Sister of cancer sufferers but "All are welcome!"

# Steve's pedal power helps raise pounds for prostate cancer

Bridgend, has handed over a cheque for £2,113, following a help further research into ed the cheque to Dr Bose sponsored bike ride, the with part of the proceeds going to the Everyman."

The Celtic Cycle trail

receiving prothe bike ride. cancer campaign.

Steve (48) a father of two, was joined by fellow prostate cancer survivor Len Bellamy, and friend Neil Evans, to ride 209 miles along the famous Celtic Cycle trail from St Davids, west Wales to Chepstow between October 10-13.

Transport manager Steve, who was diagnosed with prostate can-cer in 2008, said: "It was cer in 2008, said: "It was an arduous a great challenge for me task and we're delighted

PROSTATE cancer pain and fatigue, we had while raising such an Steve great fun completing it.

"Having been successfully treated for prostate cancer, it was great to be able to raise money to disease, increasing awareness for the hospital will also be

took the team of three through Tenby, Swansea and Bridgend, before they reached their final destination in Chepstow.

Everyman spokesman

Jonathan Street said: "We're extren extremely grateful that Steve and his fellow cyclists chose to help raise funds for research into prostate and testicular cancer by supporting Everyman.

and the lads to undertake that they managed to and despite the obvious tackle such a challenge

# Splice summer family project

and family project opened on July 20 for the summer holidays to offer soft play and sensory play to babies and children aged up to five years.

KPC youth centre offered the use of a large room to enable the char-ity's sessions to go ahead and children's families were made welcome by staff and volunteers at

Children who attended Splice also had the use of outside play areas within the grounds.

Valleys to Coast gave Splice a grant for two gazebos. One is used for families to place their

THE Splice child prams and pushchairs and the other is for tables and chairs to allow painting, craft and table top activities to take place outside.

Cam Engineering made a security gate for Splice to place on the outside storage unit and the manager of the Coop in Pyle has agreed to donate raffle prizes and sell raffle tickets in the store, to support the

Splice charity. "Thank you to all who have offered local support. Elaine and Tracey, along with the board of trustees are so pleased that so many local people have helped in this way," a spokesman said. 555 111.'

impressive amount."

Steve, whose father suffered from prostate cancer, presentwhile at Morriston Hospital, as receiving proceeds from

# Police appeal after stabbing

POLICE are seeking a youngster described as "about 14 years old" following a stabbing in Llantwit Major on Saturday night.

A police spokesman said: "We are investigating a reported stabbing outside Llantwit Major Library which occurred at around 6.20pm on Saturday,

July 31.
"Our officers are keen to speak to a white male, involved in the incident, described as about 14 years old and approximately five feet six inches tall, of thin build with short spiky brown hair.

"He was wearing a white t-shirt with blue ieans.

The spokesman added: "The victim sustained injuries which are not life-threatening.

Any witnesses, or others with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Police on 101 or CrimeStoppers 0800

# Police launch Farm Watch in Ogmore Valley

NEIGHBOUR-HOOD police in the Ogmore Valley are forging closer links with their rural communities by launchingFarm Watch, which aims to foster improved relations between the police and agricultural landowners and farmers to fight rural crime throughout the area.

"Farm Watch is aimed at improving the service provided to people living in rural com-munities and enhancing the flow of information about crime and anti-social behaviour to the police," explained local beat manager PC Gemma Tibbott.

"We have been look-ing at ways of improving our engagement with rural communities in the Ogmore Valley. The key aim of Farm Watch is to stress the importance of vigilance and communication within rural and farming communities.

"The services offered through Farm Watch include practical crime prevention advice to farmers and landowners to help ensure their property and goods are as secure as possible. "There is a property

marking scheme will make it harder for thieves to dispose of stolen goods.

"Also, there will be a text alert service called 'ringmaster' and partnership working between the police local farmers, the fire service, Forestry Commission scrap deal ers and council and environmental services.

Ogmore Valley Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer Gemma Matthews added: "Farm Watch aims to minimise the opportunities for crime in farming and rural communities.

"We encourage farmers or any members of the rural community liv ing in the Ogmore Valley who feel they may benefit to attend the next Farm Watch

# 'Coychurch Crem' is awarded first 'green flag' award



Pictured are Joanna Hamilton, crematorium manager, Jane Davidson, minister for the environment, sustainability and housing and Sian Hooper, BCBC bereavement services manager.

**COYCHURCH Crematorium has** achieved a 'first' in Bridgend borough - a 'green flag' award - which recognises the best green spaces and parks in Wales and England.

Coun John Spanswick, BCBC'S cabinet member for communities, said: "Anyone who has visited the Coychurch Crematorium will know what a special and sensitive environment it is, both inside and out.

"It serves a very wide geographical area, stretching beyond the

display green flag. Mrs J Woster – St

Porthcawl - reduce

Mrs K Barnard - St

Porthcawl - various

works to various trees. Mr J Dobbin – **The** 

Dunes, Bryneglwys Avenue, Porthcawl

of willow tree. Mr J Price – **62** 

trim back dead branches

Graham Avenue, Pen-

v-Fai, Bridgend - alter-

ations to roof structure

to increase internal and

to provide pitched roof over front of garage. Mr R Beynon – 8 Heol

West Plas, Litchard,

building and extend

store and workshop.

HD Limited – **The Victoria Inn, 7 Adare** 

Street, Bridgend - pro-

posed refurbishment and

extension and change of

use to A1 shop at

ground floor and B1

offices at first floor. Mr R Ingham – 2 Pont

Newydd, Pencoed – extend existing pitch roof to replace flat roof at rear of property.

Aldi Stores Limited – Aldi Retail Store,

Llynfi Road, Maesteg

retail unit.

Bright Skies

- external alterations of

Bridgend – rebuild out

crown by approximately three metres (25 per

John's School,

cent - Poplar).

Clare's School,

frequently receive comments about how comforting mourners find the setting. This award is well-deserved because it recognises the truly excellent service provided by the crematorium staff."

The Cemetery of the Year Awards 2009 named Coychurch Crematorium as runner-up in the category of best crematorium and

In 2006, a book about the 251 crematoriums located throughout the country described Coychurch as 'arguably the most exceptional cre-

# MAESTEG NEWS IN BRIEF

A LIST of sites in the Llvnfi Vallev where Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam have taken a hold have been sent by Maesteg Town Council to BCBC. which is planning to eradicate these weeds as part of a borough-wide campaign.

MAESTEG bus station has undergone a weed spraying pro-gramme, Coun Keith Edwards told Maesteg town council. He said that this was part of a wider spraying pro-gramme. There have peen complaints about the state of the bus sta

WORK is due to start on creating a parking area on one side of Grove Street, Nantyffyllon, in September/October. The area will be created in place of a wide grass verge. The work is being funded by Maesteg Town Council but is being carried out by BCBC highways

department.
MAESTEG Town Council is to press ahead with plans to place double yellow lines outside Bronygarn

Surgery in Station Street. The work is likely to cost £4,000 including the cost of advertising the legal orders necessary. Most parking will be retained outside people's homes but would be removed from the bend to improve visibility to drivers.
A SITE meeting is to

be held with highways officers to discuss parking issues outside Nantyffyllon Surgery. A GRANT of £100

has been made by Maesteg Town Council towards the cost of holding a carnival on August 13 at Caerau Athletic Football ground. The event is being organised by the Caerau Events Committee

THE NSPCC is to ge £100 from Maesteg Town Council and Shelter Cymru will get

£50. PLANS are moving ahead to get the steps linking Commercial Street with Church Street (Llynfi Lane) adopted by the council. Maesteg Town Council is asking people who have used these steps over the years to come into the offices and fill in a form stating this.

Once adopted, the steps can be repaired and then regularly

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# Who wants to build what and where? Aldi Stores Limited – Aldi Retail Store,

Developments – 11
Penprysg Road,
Pencoed – conversion,
adaptation and exten-Llynfi Road, Maesteg
- single illuminated wall mounted store sign. sion of dwelling house Mrs S Hurry –
Coychurch Primary
School, Main Road, to create four one-bedroom self-contained Mr and Mrs S Rogers – Covchurch – erection of 6m high flagpole to

28 Priory Oak, Brackla, Bridgend – single storey conserva-tory extension to rear. Mr R Andrews - 10 Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas, Bridgend – front flat roof dormer extension

Mr B O'Grady - 22 Severn Road. Porthcawl – extend time period to submit reserved matters for application P/07/632?OUT (two five-bedroom detached dwellings).

Mr M Miah – 68 Oaklands Road, **Bridgend** – loft conversion with rear flat roof dormer and change of hipped roof to gable

Ms D Holley – 14 Cwrt Pant vr Awel. Lewistown, Bridgend single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr K Gordon – 1 Pen Maen, Broadlands, Bridgend – single storey extension to side elevation. Mr P Wintle – 41 West Road, Nottage, Porthcawl – proposed first floor and roof

extensions. Mr K Humphries (KJH Limited) – **Dunraven** Arms Hotel,
Wyndham Street,
Bridgend – burger/food
station in beer garden.
B Hopkins – Rose
Cottage, Coychurch, **Bridgend** – certificate of lawful use proposed for guest accommoda-tion on both ground and first floor (mezzanine level).

Mr J Bratcher - Prior Garth, Ewenny Road, Bridgend - detached three car garage with storage and a workshop/home study above with two dormer windows.

Mr J Sincock - 27 Brynheulog,
Brynmenyn, Bridgend
– rear flat roof dormer

Mr MG Hawkins – 28 Wimbourne Road, Pencoed – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with vehicle access. with vehicle access.
Neath Port Talbot CBC

- Margam Mountain,
Port Talbot – proposed
Margam 3D seismic

survey. Mr W Rees – **58** Darren View, Maesteg
– single storey outbuilding in rear garden.
Mr J Collett – Jubilee Farm, Jubilee
Gardens, Pyle Road,
Porthcawl – change of
use from stables to car valeting bay – re-sub of P/09/881/FUL. Mr A Brennan – Sandpiper Inn, 52 New Road, Porthcawl erect 1.65m high screen

wall to beer garden.
Mr M Pritchard-Jones 6 Cedar Gardens, Porthcawl - extension to first floor bedroom. R Ivey and D Tidy – Old School Court, School Terrace, North Cornelly – proposed development of four

three-bedroom houses



From left to right: Maesteg Firefighter with seven of the boys who were on the course - Nathan Bishop, James Clarke, Kelvin Weeks, Rhys Howells, Liam Hooper, Adam Davis and Dammon Hooper. Cameron McDermot is missing from the photo.

# OPERATION PHOENIX RISES IN MAESTEG TO WARN ABOUT ARSON

OPERATION like to be a fire fighter Phoenix is the name and understand how given to the Safer Bridgend partner-about breathing appara-Bridgend partner-ship initiative from niques, drills such as South Wales Fire hose and Rescue service removal techniques from to reduce arsonrelated behaviour across Bridgend.

It offers an opportunity for young people to learn about arson and the fire fighter's role is consequences of fire set-save life and all of ting, hoax calls, fire safe-ty in their homes and how it can affect them and their families.

Eight young people from across the borough spent all of last week Conway working with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service at Maesteg Fire Station and experienced, at first hand what it was fantastic initiative which

running and road traffic collisions.

They also learnt about the service's values of teamwork, self respect, integrity and confidence.

An essential part of a save life and all of the boys received first aid training and a 'Heart Start' certificate, a quali-fication which will be valuable to them in later

Hawkins. South Safer Bridgend anti-Rescue social behaviour reduction co-ordinator said: "Operation Phoenix is a



Learning to use the fire hose.

of the dangers of arson from Maesteg fire station and consequences of for their hard work." committing crime and

all of the boys thorough- the effects of crime on ly enjoyed, they learnt a the victims, communi-great deal about the work ties, families, the envi-of fire fighters and have ronment and other peonew found respect for the ple. We hope to be able to repeat this course in the "In addition, they now future and I'd like to have a greater awareness thank all the instructors

# Group aims to help homeless in Bridgend

A GROUP of local Emmaus community in residents want to start an 'Emmaus community' in Bridgend.

So, the first question is, what do they

do?
RUTH O'NEIL of Emmaus explains how the movement started, and how it

## AVE you heard of Emmaus? Often we find that people say 'No'

We're hoping to start an Emmaus Community in Bridgend, so we want to let you know more about this charity.

It all began in France in the 1940s when Abbe Pierre was working with many desperately poor and homeless people. He realised that

those who are destitute needed more than just a roof over their heads and food in their

What they really needed was to regain their self-confidence and a sense of purpose in life. Not just a hand out, but a hand up.

This led to the founding of first

Paris where 'companions' lived and worked together to make a living from refurbishing and selling unwanted goods.

Over the following decades, more communities were set up in France and also around the world. In 1992. the first community opened in the U.K in Cambridge.

Since then, other communities have opened in England and Scotland, but Emmaus Bridgend would be the

first in Wales.
Each community is an independent trust but belongs to the federation Emmaus UK which provides invaluable administrative support.

Emmaus Communities offer a home to people who have become homeless, but it is not just somewhere to stay. Those who join a community become 'com-panions' working in the community busi-ness. This provides a sense of belonging and self respect, which makes all the differ-

ence. Communities also give help and raise

money for other Emmaus communities and for other chosen charities, so they make a difference in the wider world.

The work communities do varies, but usually includes running a large store selling second hand and refurbished furniture and other goods. Unwanted goods are collected and sold on to mem-

bers of the public. The aim is for the community to become financially self-supporting after a few years. Meanwhile, we need to raise funds to buy and adapt the home for the companions, and to buy or rent a business premises

nearby.
We hope you will support some of our fundraising events in future and enjoy them. If you would like to volunteer to help at some of these events we would be glad to hear from you.

Contact katelowry01@gmail.co m or ruthon17@hotmail.co.uk

FOOTNOTE:

The project will be funded by a combination of grant aid and local fundraising. The welcomes volunteers from all the

# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Charity teas

AT Cae Abbot Farm on Sunday, August 15 at 3pm, there will be cream teas for sale at £4.50 – to raise money for local charities.

To help make it a memorable afternoon, the Ogmore Valley Silver Band will be serenading everyone with their music. The farm is located opposite St Cien's Church, Llangeinor.

## Bridgend U3A

THIS group of approximately 120 members was formed for older members of the community to share educational, creative and leisure activities.

They meet at the Glamorgan Mission to the Deaf, Coychurch Road, two doors from the Masonic Hall on the third Monday of the month.

They normally have a speaker covering a variety of subjects. Some members take a delight in practising calligraphy, others enjoy painting gardening and other activities.

They are organising a trip to Gloucester Docks, which will include a two-hour boat trip on the Gloucester canal. Telephone Rita on 01656 656207 for more information.

Fun day A FAMILY day out with a number of different activities is being organised at Bettws on Saturday, August 14, evervone is welcome.

Fundraising stars! Mr Martin Griffiths.

headteacher of Tynyrheol primary school, Llangeinor, has

# NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include

every newsworthy subject.
Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL 1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ TEL: 01656 725399 email: tynycoed1@vahoo.co.uk

### thanked the PTFA for the fantastic support they have given the school in their fundraising activities.

The recent summer fete and duck race day, raised an amazing £1 506 64 This emphasises the community spirit that surrounds this small school in Llangeinor.

The end of term school disco raised £129.37. Over the past year, the efforts of this hard working PTFA, have raised £3,150 towards purchasing the most recent updated ICT equipment for the

chool.
They have also donated flat screen monitors, basketball kits and funded school trips for the pupils this year.

# Staff thanked OGMORE VALE primary school headteacher, Mr Paul Booth, would like to thank the following staff for their hard work at the school, and wishes them well in their careers.

Mrs Clanfield has been appointed deputy headteacher at Brynmenyn primary school. Miss Hodgson, Mrs Lloyd and Miss Kennett are moving to new schools, while Miss Thomas will be taking

maternity leave.

He is pleased that Mrs
Sheppard is returning to

the school in September. The head and Mrs Roderick thank two parents Sian Hunter and Kelly Bagshaw for helping years 5-6 produce a fabulous mosaic.

# **Home Start** IT is disturbing to learn that the future of the Home Start charity is

threatened. I have been informed that 58 volunteers in the Bridgend area help suffering families for approximately three

hours a week. It would appear that, because of financial constraints within the local authority, this worthwhile organisation may have its funding with-

drawn. Surely other organisa tions within the Bridgend CBC area can get together and ensure this charity receives the funding it needs to continue its worthwhile con-tribution to Society.

# (See page 1) GARW Valley male choir (Cor Meibion Cwm Garw) recently performed in a concert at Court Colman

Manor. It was organised by Mr David Thomas and all proceeds will go to help towards the installation of a figured glass screen to form a community room in All Saints Church, Pen-y-Fai.

The choir was honoured to have a guest accompanist Mrs Valerie Frances, and three soloists, Elin Elias, Rhiannon Skelton and Louise Halliday. The choir performed

Alwyn Humphries' arrangement of 'Rachie' and then produced a varied programme until joined by Elin Elias.

With her rich mezzo soprano voice, she raised the rousing 'Calon Lân' to new heights, follow-Saens 'Printemps Qui

Commence' (Samson and Delilah) and Morfydd Owen's

'Gweddi Y Pechadur'.

The choir opened the second half with a medley of three songs, followed by the soprano Rhiannon Skelton whose medley of songs included 'Wishing' (*Phantom* of the *Opera*), 'Memory' (*Cats*) and 'Time to say goodbye'.

Rhiannon is a member of All Saints church choir. In 1991, she made her first stage appearance with the Garw Valley male choir in the Bryncoch Memorial Hall, where she sang the aria 'O, Virgin of the Angel Host' and from Verdi's opera 'The Force of Destiny' which she again sang as her finale in the concert.

A young lady from Pen-y-Fai, Louise Halliday, then sang a selection of songs from the 60s and stage musi-

The choir rehearses at Choir concert
GARW Valley male

The choir federates

Pontycymer rugby club
on Monday and
Only broading overling Wednesday evening from 6.45pm. New members welcome.

# Charity tea

THE recent Marie Curie Cancer Care cream tea and quiz party organised at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid organised by Raema Gunton, raised the magnificent sum of £275 for the

#### Parc Slip MEMBERS of the South and West Wales Wildlife Trust are organising activities for children aged up to 12 at Parc Slip nature reserve visitor centre. Tondu, over the summer period.

The next is on
Wednesday, August 11
between 10am-2pm> It
is recommended that they bring a packed lunch, and wear appro-priate clothing and footwear. The cost is £3

# ing this with three arias – Handel's 'Ombra Mai Fu" (Xerxes), Saint-FOY & CO. INTERIORS



# Puddle Lane is now **clear...** but what next?

A PORTHCAWL far more rubbish and borough councillor weeds there than had been realised."

Coun Watts said that leagues on the town council to have a rethink over a small of the rubbish, but the piece of land in the ground that was cleared town.

Coun Ken Watts, who Newton, represents recalled that five or six weeks ago, a group of Christian volunteers from all over Wales, many of them students at Aberystwyth, undertook a project to clear a piece of land at Puddle Lane.

The project was set up by the Grace Community Church in Porthcawl.

"They contacted me to ask if there was a suitable project and I suggested Puddle Lane. People had been using it as a dump. These young people came and did a superb job," he reported.

"The council took two

lorry loads of rubble and undergrowth away which were cleared. There was

Coun Watts said that overgrown again and local people were delighted to see the back of the rubbish, but the ground that was cleared was left bare.

Goun Watts said it is ground will become delighted to see the back of the rubbish, but the ground that was cleared lose all the benefit."

along and helped on the day and he suggested that he seed and grass this

area.
"The town council moved in a meeting that they allow the handyman to do this work at a cost of about £200.

"I was shocked to hear tive that the town council that they did not own this ground. They do not own the path either, but they maintain it.

"This is nonsense.

Local people had offered to water the seeds and look after the area, but the council is squandering all this public good-

"If they delay, the ound will become ground

"The Porthcawl would be a great shame if handyman had come the hard work of 20 young people was eradicated, because the town council was dithering

over land ownership. There were a number already looks after the of precedents where the path so Coun Jill Sweet town council maintained areas of land which they do not own, for the sake of clearing an area and making it more attrac-

He will be urging the refused on the grounds council to think again and approve this scheme before the land becomes overgrown again.

The GEM understands

that the issue may be raised at the next meeting of the town council in September. There are no meetings in August.

JAYNE ISAAC

# Bridgend Youth Theatre's Sweeney Todd leaves the audience dazed and dazzled

## PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

## **REVIEW by** PHILIP IRWIN

ERE in The GEM, we often get letters saying that what Bridgend county borough needs is a bigger venue than the Grand Pavilion, which has a capacity of up to 600 or so.

Well, after seeing the Bridgend Youth Theatre's terrific production of *Sweeney Todd*, I can't help wondering if there really is an audience in the county borough.

Under Roger Burnell's overall direction, and with a talented production team, it has established a reputation over 10 years for high quality pro-

Nevertheless, it ran for three nights last week and only on the final night (Friday) was there anywhere near a full house.

After 10 years watching the youth theatre, I am afraid that nothing is going to shift the general population in the county borough out of their comfortable armchairs and off their derrieres.

My guest was not a fan of the show, and isn't a big fan of musicals, but she was dazzled by the

whole theatrical experience.

Rob Brydon, a former student under Roger Burnell, drove down from London to see it – and raved about it afterwards. He wasn't alone.

Those local theatre-goers who stayed home missed a rare treat.

Ah well, here endeth the rant and on to the

Sweeney Todd is the tale of a man wronged. Benjamin Barker is transported to Australia by the evil Judge Turpin, who has designs on Benjamin's beautiful wife. Benjamin escapes and comes back 15-or-so

years later. His name is now Sweeney Todd and he has revenge on his mind.

The fact that the judge is now the guardian of Benjamin's daughter, Johanna, and that Johanna is now a beauty herself – and therefore an object of attraction for the depraved judge - only increases

his desire to get that revenge.

When his chance of revenge is thwarted, he goes mad and becomes the 'Demon Barber of Fleet Street'

The show has a conventional hero (Anthony – a ship's captain) and a damsel in distress (Johanna). Anthony sees Johanna and falls madly

Sweeney has an ally, Mrs Lovett, who carries a torch for Benjamin Barker – although he is too wrapped up in his own world to notice. Mrs Lovett, however, has a practical streak, and as the body count rises, she uses the raw material to transform her ailing meat pie business.

Mrs Lovett has a young assistant, Toby, who used to work for a rival barber, until Sweeney

Todd murdered him.

We are not heading for a happy ending.

There was a last-minute drama in the production when Scott Dale, who was originally cast as Sweeney, was called up for the X-Factor boot camp. This meant that Nicky Phillips had only two weeks to learn a complicated role.

Nicky lives in Portheawl now, but hails from Maesteg, and he has something in common with another son of Maesteg, Ray 'Chico' Hopkins. It was Chico's bad luck to be a scrum half at

the same time as Welsh legend Gareth Edwards - who hardly ever got injured.

In Nicky's case, his time in the Bridgend Youth Theatre coincided with first Aneurin Barnard, and then Alyn Hawke, two talents that were tough

Nicky has been tutoring the youth theatre juniors in the last few years, but his strong voice was ideal for the role – and he deserved all the praise and applause that came his way on the night.

Sweeney Todd is a role that really lets an actor

let rip, and he showed great power and intensity throughout.

His big number, 'Epiphany' when he finally goes over the edge and advances on the audience, razor in hand, must have scared the wits out of

Mrs Lovett needs to be flirtatious, amoral, cold-blooded and (above all) funny. Melanie Stevens was all of these and, quite simply, got everything right.

She has to handle some convoluted Sondheim

lyrics, and still make sure the audience gets the joke, and she rose to the challenge.

Luke Bevan (Anthony) and Rasheeda Ali



ABOVE: Nicky Phillips (Sweeney Todd) at his most blood-thirsty, with Joe Wiltshire-Smith as one of his victims.

(Johanna) were a fine pair of star-crossed lovers, and had to tackle a horrendously complicated

duet (Marry Me Sunday).

It must have been a truly intimidating song to

sing, but they came through it seamlessly.

Sweeney Todd has several meaty character parts, and Jack Gillard made the most of the oily,

nasty piece of work that is the Beadle, going glo-

Mari Izzard, similarly, playing the mad beggar

woman, produced a physical, manic performance, with the right note of tenderness occasionally

David Garner was a cold, measured Judge

'Italian' barber Pirelli – a comic turn that gave him every chance to show what he can do.

Finally, there is the pivotal role of Toby, played

It is a wonderful song, not just because it has a great melody, but because the whole plot changes when he tells Mrs Lovett that he has guessed that

Toby is a comic character for most of the show – but things change when he sings 'No one's going to harm you' to Mrs Lovett.

Mr Todd is up to no good.

In a flash, Mrs Lovett's evil side appears.

going from being amused to resolving to kill the trusting Toby.

playing her part to perfection, it was a great the-

Beautifully sung by Joe, and with Mel Stevens

It wasn't the only great moment, because this

really was a high-quality production, full of imagination, and split-second timing. The direction and staging, by Roger Burnell, Xenia Yardley and Carl Ryan, should take the credit for that, while Mike Plowman's work with

the cast on the treacherous musical score deserves

a definite round of applause. Gus O'Donnell's set design was equally impor-

I dropped in a few times when this show was

in the early stages of rehearsals, and I sensed

some anxiety in the cast. Some may have felt it

Turpin, and Kieran Bluck was good as the

riously over the top.

breaking through.

atrical moment.

tant to the show.

by Joe Wiltshire Smith.



LEFT: The production had a stylised look, with the cast frequently in ghostly make-up.

Joe Wiltshire Smith (Toby) and Mel Stevens (Mrs Lovett) pictured at the Grand Pavilion iust before the show.

GEM NOTE: All other photoduring the dress







ABOVE: Nicky Phillips sings 'My Friends' as he is reunited with his razors.

Turpin was played by David Garner.

LEFT: Jack Gillard played the judge's henchman, the Beadle.









RIGHT: The evil Judge

It is nice to be able to tell them they were

was beyond their capabilities.



# Sondheim's classic musical is in very safe hands with young Bridgend cast



ABOVE: Jack Davies.











AROVE: Luke Revan played Anthony.

RIGHT: Johanna (played by Rasĥeeda Ali) in the clutches of the asylum keeper, Jonas Fogg (played by Connor Andrews).





# PEN-Y-BONT PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS COLLECT THEIR ROAD SAFETY PRIZES



PCSO Christian Freeth and PCSO Lisa Moore together with prizewinners from Pen-Y-Bont School.

SWEDISH visitor Ola Kuremyr, the churchwarden of Ovansjo, our link parish in Sweden, is spending a few days in the parish to see how we do things.

He will be attending various services and activities during his stay. We were pleased to welcome him to the tea and chat coffee morning at the church hall on Saturday, when he entertained us with a song from Sweden.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS** ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

Members at the coffee morning returned the compliment by singing Calon Lan – as only the Welsh can. THE funeral of Aileen Hodgson of St Brides Major will take place on Friday, August 6, at 1.15pm at Coychurch

Crematorium, followed by a meeting of friends and neighbours at the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major. EWENNY Festival Concert is taking place today, with Dorothy Singh and guests at Ewenny Priory church at 7.30pm. THE Mothers' Union is meeting at Ogmore Castle Farm for lunch on Tuesday, August 10. Diary dates

AN Arts and Craft Favre, St Brides Major church hall on August 11-12; and All Saints, Southerndown, 10am to 4pm, followed by auction of goods given by stalls from the art trail at 7pm in the church

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53 Eastgate,

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PUPILS from Pen-y-**Bont School in** Bridgend received road safety awards from local PCSOs Christian Freeth and Lisa Moore after they had taken part in a speciallydevised road safety competition.

PCSO Freeth said: "The children were told about the importance of road safety and were made aware of the dangers of the road and the importance of the five steps

to safety.
"These are – Think – find These are – Inink – Inid safe place to cross; Stop – Stand on the pavement near-est to Kerb; Use your eyes and ears; Wait until its safe to cross; Look and listen.

"South Wales Police and Pen-y-Bont School worked together to devise a competi-tion where the children designed a road safety poster or wrote a poem about road safety and the winners from each year group won prizes presented by Tesco and Safer

Bridgend."
PCSO Lisa Moore added: 'Regardless of the result of the competition, the children took their posters poems home to promote road safety. "The competition was a

success. We distributed over £200 worth of prizes to the children and they have all learned a valuable road safety advice which will help keep them be safe over the sum-mer period," she reported.

#### CAST LIST Sweeney Todd - Nicky

Phillips; Mrs Lovett Melanie Stevens: Anthony Hope – Luke Bevan; Lucy – Tash Bryant; Beggar Woman Mari Izzard; Judge
 Turpin – David Garner; Turpin – David Garner; The Beadle – Jack Gillard; Johanna – Rasheeda Ali; Tobias Ragg – Joe Wiltshire Smith; Pirelli – Kieran Bluck; Bird Seller -Lauren Saunders; Jonas Connor Fogg Andrews; Police Officer – Jack Davies; 2nd Police Officer Mathew Jones: 1st Man Richard Evans; 2nd Man - Rhys Causon; Man with Cap – Josh Daniels; Passer by Corey Bridgeman. Hazel Quintet Harmony Elstone, Millar, Rowlands, Lewys Steward, Millie Jones, Harvey Jones.
Pirelli Choral Group Chorai Bryant, Jack Corey Tash Davies. Bridgeman, Daniels. Chorus – Chloe Carson, Ieuan Briers, Abbie Owen, Roanna Lewis, Bethan Masson, Katie Roberts, Rebecca Brown, Dayna Jeynes, Rebecca Rebecca Howe, Caitlin Jones Gethin, Ceri Ann Thomas, Brooke Parr

Osborne, L. Rebekah Bradtoru, Rachel Allen, Jamie Leanne Adshead, Ellie Morris, Jess Evans. Production list: Roger Burnell – Director; Xenia Yardley – Director; Keyboard - Phil Juliffe. Assistant

Matthew

Jones,Kath Allen, Hannah Parker, Kate

Osborne, Lauren James,

Musical Director; Carl Ryan Musical Staging; Guy O'Donnel Set Designer; Lezia
 Davies – Wardrobe mistress; Phil Julif Rehearsal Pianist; Ryan Evans – Production Manager; Mario Williams – Technical Manager; John Kirk -Stage Manager; Aaron Davies – Deputy Stage Manager; Lowri Izzard Assistant Stage
 Manager; Jess Davies – Manager; James Gillard Assistant Stage Manager; Jonathan Lighting David Davies Designer; Sound Spencer Designer; Morgan Izzard – Lighting Op; Morgan Neagle Follow Spot Op; Eleri Connick – AV Op; Gareth Evans – Sound Runner; CJ Davies – Stage Crew; Ceri Evans Principal Officer Arts and Community Development; Emil Soord – Scenic Artist. Orchestra: Conductor – Michael Plowman; Violin – Jo Walters (leader); Alison Evans, Siwan Edwards, Catherine Felton, Lucy Noden, Stephan Ulberini; Viola – Stuart Telling; Cello – Brian Clark; Double Bass – Geraint Evans; Flute – Catherine White; Oboe Ellen Adams; Clarinet Dick Hamer, Simon Woodford; French Horn David Hughes; npet – John Trumpet Mainwairing, Scott Picknell; Trombone -Jeff Pearce; Percussion

– Huw Griffiths;

# Opencast mine appeal turned down by judge

has lost its appeal against the Welsh Assembly's decision to block an extension to the Park Slip-Margam opencast mine at Kenfig Hill.

The company had its planning application to extend the mine refused by both Bridgend and Port Talbot and then Port Councils appealed to the Assembly

Energy.

Local residents have fought for years against under the planning contheb planned extension which would have seen the destruction of the to manifold the destruction of the to make the destruction of the to make the destruction of the to make the total the ancient Hafod Heulog stated that restoration to the total the total the total the total the total the total that the total the total that the total

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in order to fund the restoration work needed on the previous opencast mining excavations.

The company has two weeks from receiving the decision letter to lodge a further appeal through the courts.

Long-term campaign-er Gaynor Ball, who lives just off Crown Road near the boundary of the present site, said that resiappealed to the Assembly dents were not celebrating yet, but that they inquiry.

Environment minister Jane Davidson dismissed the appeal, leaving the company to go to the High Court to get that decision overturned.

But in Swansea last entire, said that resive value of the were quietly optimistic that after so many years, it will be a nuisance to residents but the will be an unisance to residents but the will be worth it in the long run.

"We have been backed in this fight by politicians at every level from the community council up to the Assembly and the Assembly and the Assembly and the Assembly and the singular politicians are very level from the community council up to

at every level from the community council up to the Assembly and the week, a judge ruled in the 1940s with operators favour of the Assembly going back through the and against Celtic Energy.

Local residents 1.

on site and it has been mothballed. We now expect the company to come back on site and start the work of restor-ing this land to some semblance of what it was

The area involved stretches back from the Crown Road area, run-ning behind the Cefr Cribwr ridge as far as the

Fforddygyfraith road.
"It is a huge area and there's a very deep exca-vation there," she added. "It will be a huge opera-tion and there will be a

of the Afon Cynffig.

The company argued that it needed to extract an extra 1.5m tonnes of years as we waited for what to do next for a few coal from the extension this result. There have weeks.

alternative sources of funding

written to every council-lor explaining the situa-

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multi million pound budget. "We get extraordinary

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) There are 58 volun-teers working for the charity – half in each area. The placements in the Bridgend sector would be axed if new funding cannot be found to keep the scheme

going.

Volunteers range in 24 up to people age from 24 up to people in their 70's. They are only paid out-of-pocket expenses. All volunteers go through a ten-week induction course.

At the moment, the charity is desperately trying to find alternative sources of funding and is also doing fund raising

Itself. When councillors were discussing the budget going this year by using some of its contingency funds but these will run with the cut because this out if its income is slashed as proposed.

with the cut because this is a very valuable service which not only helps families, but also pro-vides invaluable training for young people think-ing of becoming social workers The charity has also written to community councils and has had some donations, including £2,000 from from Laleston.

"I do not believe we should be cutting the other £20,000 next year and I foresee this coming The project received 170 referrals last year from the whole area – more from the Bridgend area than from the val-leys, where other schemes like Flying Start up again at the next budget round. In my view, it is money well spent out of the council's multi million pound

have been established.
Sally stated that the work of the charity was more crucial in Bridgend in many ways because there is nothing else in the area people can turn

Bridgend AM Carwyn

Homestart is desperate to find

nold of him, despite leaving a message.

Messages were also left for Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon and for Peter Foley who chairs the children's scrutiny committee at BCBC but we had no responses from these before going

to press.
The charity has also ed," she said. "The money they give us prevents many family breakdowns. If only one of the families we now children's scrutiny com-help breaks down mittee could look into it. because our support is withdrawn, the cost to my," he warned. "I know the council of putting that cuts have to be made children into care and somewhere but everyone Liberal Democrat leader Cheryl Green said that the issue of cutting the grant to Homestart had been scrutinised when councillors were

our volunteers do.

"The money that we get is peanuts compared to the council's budget of hundreds of millions. It The budget for 2011also benefits the volun-teers and provides a route

Y Bont.
"This is so short sighted," she said. "The is a children's champion be made next year.
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"The na". at the council, said that The spokesman he would raise this with added: "The national Coun Foley to see if the

children into care and providing other support will far outweigh the early intervention to pre-£20,000 saving they are making.

"This service is literally unique. There is nothing else like it. Social A council spokesman that the council will be facing some difficult decisions in order to balance the budget."

The charity also gets £14,500 from the ABM health board for the project each year and that money has continued to date

Jones sits on the charity's for the sake of £20,000 workers do not have time stated that officers promanagement committee was ridiculous.

The vice chairman of but he should of him, despite leaved the charity's management committee is Ann

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2012 has not yet been agreed. Consultations Y Bont. "This is so short sight do "she goid " she goid "The in the shift of the she goid "The in the shift of the shift of the she goid "The in the shift of the

> economic recession and the financial difficulties facing the public sector will inevitably mean that the council will be facing

# Ward closed by outbreak

A SECOND ward at the used. This week, the board said that Princess of Wales Hospital has because of the number of patients sufbeen closed to new admissions.

been closed to new admissions.

Last week, we reported that Ward 8 had been closed because of an outbreak of C-difficile.

break of C-difficile.

This week, the adjoining ward, Ward 7, has been closed because of an outbreak of viral gastro-enteritis.

A spokesman for the ABM health board denied that there was any C-diff on Ward 7.

The sluice room on Ward 8 has been closed because of renovation work going on but the trust denied last week that staff had been emptying bedpans into the sluice on Ward 7. They said that a bathroom on Ward 8 was being value for this money. We will be defending this She said that losing this service in Bridgend, Porthcawl and Pencoed

of time over the weekend, it was considered that they could possibly have viral gastro-enteritis.

The ward was closed to admissions and transfers as a precaution. Infection control measures have been implemented. Samples from patients on Ward 7 have been sent to the laboratory for analysis but they have tested negative for C-diff.

The spokesman added that there was

nothing to indicate that what happened on Ward 7 was linked to the C-diff cases on Ward 8 which remains closed



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# Residents receive praise - and a few tips on recycling LOCAL residents have been given a pat on the back by Bridgend Borough Gouncil for their "fantastic recycling and have been urged to help make the new scheme to the new scheme. Residents are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are being nost importantly house-holders – are really try-lable materials are bein

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A spokeswoman said:

BCBC cabinet member holders would like more of recycling being put out every week already to say is thank you and suggests BCBC is one of well done to our fantastic the best-performing residents.

the new scheme can be boosted to become speedier and more efficient.

A spokeswoman said:

Scheme can be boosted to become speedier and more efficient.

Coun John Spanswick, also know that house.

BCBC cabinet member boosted to "The message is – to store wrapped, waste please carry on, you are doing a great job. But we est from pests and not to be put any food in black books what house.

# 'Have a clear-out for Ty Hafan!'

TY HAFAN hospice is urging local residents to clear out their unwanted household items and clothing to help raise vital funding for the children's charity.

All items donated can be sold in one of Ty Hafan's 16 shops, and the money raised will help the charity support fami-lies of life-limited children and young people, who rely on the specialist care services provided by Ty Hafan at Sully.

Ty Hafan's retail oper-ations manager, Alan Drury, said: "We rely solely on the generosity of the public in donating good quality items.

"By having a clear-out today, you really can make a huge difference to the support that we are able to provide families from across Wales."

For more information about donating items, call 01446 721544 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:kat@tyhafan.or email g" kat@tyhafan.org

# Music in the park

THE Porthcawl-based

Overheated Pilots, will perform acoustic covers from the swinging 60s to the present at council-run Bryngarw Country Park in Brynmenyn, Bridgend, on Sunday, August 8 from 2.30pm-4.30pm, as part of this year's outdoor summer 'Music in the Park'

It features Dave Lock (vocalist and guitar) and Andrew Cockel (drums and per-

Music in the Park will run every Sunday





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# In **Business Update**

# VWBN will be on (Vale) Show!

and existing women business owners - the Vale Women's **Business Network** will be at the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Fonmon on August 11.

Meet VWBN mem-bers from across the Vale, who will showcase their winning businesses from artists, designers. beauticians, support con sultants and providers of baby hampers. Come and see what joining the

VWBN all is about! Visit Catherine West from Martyn Prowell

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To find our stand please look out for the purple balloons, or call Rebecca on 07890 941502.

For our full event programme please visit us at www.vwbn.org.uk or contact us at members@vwbn.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you! (See pages 13-18)



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# Wishing Lyndsay successful future

LAST week The GEM carried a feature on a new business in Barry - Park Funeral Directors which is being run by Lyndsay Ellis.

GEM reader, Mrs Elaine Gardner, has written to us to say: "At the time of my husband Terry's death on May 6, 2008 we were living at Broughton Place, and Lyndsay helped with the funeral.

"He was so thoughtful, kind and caring. Ever after the funeral, he rang us up to see how we were. "As a family, we would like to wish Lyndsay and

his team success in the new business."



From left: Mrs Gillian Powell, Christine Wilson, Lynne Mulcahy, Allyson Lipp and Beverly Tonkin.

# Llanblethian gardens are open to the public



Dr Allyson Lipp explaining some of the history of the Maltsters Cottage to some Friends of Dyffryn.

LAST Sunday, August 1, the homemade cakes in Llanblethian vil-Friends of Dyffryn visited two lage hall. gardens in Llanblethian – Everyone is welcome on Sunday, Stallcourt Mews and the Maltsters Cottage.

Lipp. The garden tours were complet- There will be tea with homemade ed with a refreshing cup of tea and cakes as well.

Everyone is welcome on Sunday, August 8 as the gardens will be open for the National Gardens Scheme. Maltsters Cottage.

The weather was glorious, providing the perfect background for a tour of the gardens of owners Dick and Thingumijigs' are supporting the Beverly Tonkin and Joe and Allyson event with traditional acoustic music.

# This musical quiz put everyone in the mood!

nostalgia members of C o w b r i d g e Fellowship Club at their July meeting, where they all took part in a musical quiz on World War Two songs, having to name the song title together with the performers, such as Vera Lyn, George Formby, The Ink Spots, Gracie Fields

and many others. Some performers were easily recognisable but with others, the

IT was an afternoon members certainly had of nostalgia for to put on their thinking

Everyone had creditable scores, but the overall winner was Thelma Lawrence.

Although Wimbledon was well and truly over, members sat down to a strawberries and cream

While other organisations close during August, the Cowbridge during tions Fellowship Club carries on and at this meeting there will be a competi-tion including two teams where we will be having armchair bowls.

This event is always RAINBOW AUDITIONS

#### THE Rainbow Concert Party have been entertaining the elderly and disabled for the past 10 years, and at present have a number of concerts booked for September to December.

However, a spokesperson reports that membership is low because of illness – " so if you like to sing, have the time, and are over 55, you would be made very welcome at an informal audition being held on September 3 at 1pm-3pm in the St Francis Millennium Centre, Lesser Hall, Park Road, Barry'

For more information, contact Sylvia (01446 795514) or Gwyneth (01446 750617).

enjoyed by all the mem bers with fierce compe-tition from both sides and, of course, at the end of the competition they will all deserve their afternoon tea and

If anyone is interested in joining this club, please telephone 01656 668446 where you can find out more informa-

Better still, why not come along to one of our meetings which are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Red Cross Building, The Broadshoard, Cowbridge?
PAT SMITH

the problems.

Forum attend event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Older Peoples

Strategy Forum was invited to the 2010

The seminar was to increase awareness of the

many forms of poverty and social exclusion, and

inspire people to come together to combat them.

Delegates looked at the causes of poverty in

older people and child poverty was also discussed

at some length. Delegates suggested solutions to

European Year for Combating Poverty.

# Patch of land to get a new lease of life...

overgrown land in Llantwit Major is to be put to a new use - growing food.

Transition Llantwit applied to the Town Council for the use of ground lying between the bowls club, tennis courts, Llantonian Hall and children's play

The application, originally made in April, came up before the July meeting of the council. In her letter, Annie Paine said that they were anxious to begin work as the "growing season" was upon us. It is unclear why the delay has taken

Coun Ann Matthews proposed that they be allowed the use of this land

Coun Molly Lane said that she had some reser-

# Jayne Isaac

vations as they mentioned other pieces of land in their letter, including land adjoining Stradling Park, land by Ham Lane South and land alongside Boverton Road by the clinic and

library. Coun Lane said it looked like a take over and recommended a trial period.

Coun Gwyn John said that people waiting for allotments could be annoyed at this land suddenly being allocated, but Coun Bob Gant said that significant progress had been made in reduc-ing waiting times for allotments from three or four years down to a 12

The allotment sub committee was holding see if land was being cultivated and had also split larger allotments

into two. Coun Sally Bagstaff pointed out that the land being requested had not been tended for years and was rough and full of weeds. She said it was not the same as having an allotment.

Coun Eddie Williams felt that what they were doing was commendable and Coun Russell Downe said that this was an unused piece of land and he said that they were lots of pieces of land throughout the town that nobody looked

He added: "We should take our hats off to peo-ple trying to tidy up areas that are overgrown. This can only enhance the town.'

# LOCAL WOMAN'S STAND-UP DEBUT

EIRLYS BELLIN, a Vale actress who is developing a stand-up act, unveiled her show, entitled

Unaccustomed As I am' on July 27 at Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff.

Eirlys, who hails from Colwinston and attended Cowbridge Comprehensive School, has appeared on television in Doctor Who Pobl y Cwm, and Channel 4's comedy programme Tonightly

In 'Unaccustomed As I Am', she switched between four totally different characters - each forced to speak in public for the very first time - moving from one to the next simply by

REVIEW by Sian James.



ABOVE: Eirlys Bellin.

She portrayed the mother from Hell, giving her daughter a birthday party she would never forget; the Mexican cleaner with a shaky command of

English delivering the eulogy for her deceased employer; the indiscreet bridesmaid at a wedding revealing the uproarious goings-on during the hen party; and the patronising chairwoman of the tenants' committee of a block of flats, exposing her many personality

Her beautifullyobserved comic creations had the audience roaring with laughter throughout the show.

Eirlys will be per-

forming 'Unaccustomed As I Am' at the Edinburgh Festival in the Pleasance Courtyard, from August 4-30, a 25-night run, where a rapturous response is anticipated for this talented comedienne writer and

# The YFCs take up an adventure challenge YFCs from across

YOUNG farmers from across Glamorgan will be challenging Tim John, chairman of Wales Young Farmers Clubs on August 14 to an adventure - to raise funds for Kidney (Leader) Wales Foundation.

Glamorgan, Bridgend, Wick, Gelligaer, Gower, Llantrisant, Maendy and Neath have been busy preparing challenges to prove they can beat the Wales chairman. Tim will begin the

day at 10.30am by racing members in hand milking cows at milking cows at Gelliargwellt Farm in He will then rush to

his car to complete a treasure hunt that will through him Llantrisant and end lunchtime at the Pelican Inn in Ogmore-by-Sea.
Together with county

officials he will then attempt to pull members across the estuary in a tug of war competition, before moving on to Gower to carry a hay bale on his back to the barbecue and camping site, where the day will end in an evening of entertainment.

It is all part of a series challenges across Wales for Tim, including getting his legs waxed in Ceredigion, a raft race in Gwent and a tractor pull in Brecknock, all to raise funds for Kidney Wales Foundation.

Kidney Foundation needs vital funds to support and fund care for renal patients as well as to set

up dialysis units.

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# Town Council is lobbied over the fire station

PLANS to change fire fighters working that only the quietest statement way in which there on four watches of seven. Five are actually on duty at any one time.

They work a shift pattern of two days, two two two days, two two two days, two two two days is one of the two days. Town Council at its off meeting on Tuesday, Javne Isaac reports.

Deputy chief fire officer Kevin Barry outlined the proposed changes which would affect three stations within the South Wales Fire Service area – Penarth and New Inn near Pontypool are also

into the meeting to hear the presentation.

that the changes are year. being forced on the Du authority by its dire fire f financial situation and 152.2 expected cut-backs to its budget which will be made over the next three

years or more.

Mr Barry explained in a row.
that the new self-rostering scheme was already would be volu in use in some other fire authorities in the UK and also in America.

Maesteg has 28 full time

lined to Maesteg nights and then four days

He said that self-rostering allowed the number to be cut to 12 or 13 – no final decision on that has been taken. The staff would themselves work out a roster ensuring that there were always five on duty. This would bring real flexibility into working hours for firefighters. Each firefighter would

Isted.
Town councillors were lobbied by more than 20 firefighters from and 12 of stand down, and 12 of stand d lobbied by more from and 12 of stand down, Maesteg and Bridgend, sleeping in purpose built who are opposed to the ensuite bedrooms at the station. They have already been provided at the Maesteg station when the border with mid and The meeting heard it was revamped last

year.

During the year, each fire fighter would work 152 24-hour shifts a year, leaving them with 213 free days. They would only be able to work a maximum of four shifts in a row.

The new pattern would be voluntary and those fire fighters who did not wish to work in that way would be redemoment, ployed to other stations.

Stull time Mr Barry also stated

Maesteg is one of the three quietest stations with an average of 533 incidents a year.

He said that Maesteg' second crew which was retained (part timers) would be unaffected and would continue to provide cover for the town's second pump.

While second pumps were being reviewed, he felt that the retained crew in Maesteg was safe because the town is located on the extreme western edge of the fire authority's area right on west Wales.

They could not reply on the retained pump at Cymer being available. and there would be no way of getting a second pump up to Maesteg quickly enough from any other station in south Wales, so keeping the second retained crew was

A full report on the meeting will be published in next week's GEM.

# F'ormer factory will be no more

RESIDENTS living around the former Cooper Standard Products factory in Maesteg have received letters stating that it is to be demolished.

Letters have been sent out by the Building Control section of the council stating that the owners, which is the council, will demolish the factory after August 30.

The factory closed down two years ago when the pro-duction was transferred to Poland. It manufactured rubber channelling for cars.

The site was later bought by the council using a Welsh

Assembly Government grant. The site adjoins the former Revlon factory which is being demolished at the moment.

A council spokesman said that the whole of the Ewenny Road industrial site was allocated for employment uses in the current Unitary

Development Plan but this is now being reviewed and there may be a mixed-use designation of this land in the future. This could include some hous-

ing.

The Revlon site is privately owned, but the council is in talks with the owners to try to ensure that the entire site is redeveloped in a comprehensive way.

# VILLAGE IN SHOCK CHILD'S DEATH

VILLAGERS Llancarfan are "numb with grief" after the death of a nine-year-old girl, Cerys Potter, while on holiday in Turkey.

It has been reported that she died when she was thrown out of a raft, which capsized after hitting a submerged rock.

Her mother Julie and her elder brother are understood to have been on holiday at the time.
A village source told The

A village source told The GEM: "The whole village is numb with grief over this tragedy, and our thoughts are with Julie and her family."

He added that many villagers had been deeply upset by some media reports (not in The GEM), which had lingered on scenes in the aftermath of

the rescue operation.

He also said that villagers felt that some of the reporting back in the vil-lage of Llancarfan had been unnecessarily intru-

Commenting on the tragedy, Bryan Jeffreys, director of learning and development at the Vale Council, said: "This is a great loss to all.
"Cervs was a very caring

"Cerys was a very caring and conscientious child who actively engaged with

the school and community. making her well-known to all the staff, pupils and their families.

"She was very involved with school life, being part of the hockey team and the eco committee, and her happy and enthusiastic nature made her popular with all.

"This is devastating news and we would like to offer our support to her family and friends during this difficult time. Cerys will be very sadly missed.'

All staff at The GEM wish to offer their condolences to the grieving family.

# Police appeal over two incidents in borough

THE South Wales Police stolen. Detective Constable all from the North Cornelly are appealing for wit- Joanne Lewis said: nesses following an incident near the Grove Golf one with information regard-Club in Porthcawl at ing both of these incidents. about 6.30pm Saturday, July 31.

It involved a 14-year-old male victim and police believe that a blue pick-up truck and a green saloon-style vehicle were also involved.

Detectives in Bridgend are linking this to a second incident that occurred at Cae Brackla, Brackla, where a number of people forced entry to a house and property was

"We are keen to trace any- from Heol-y-Cyw.

"Four people have been our enquiries are continuing".

18-year-old woman and two mously via Crimestoppers on men aged 21 and 24 years old. 0800 555 111.

area and a 28-year-old man

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**AGRICULTURAL SHO** esday 11th August - FONMON CASTLE PARK



# A MESSAGE FROM THE VALE SHOW PRESI

National Farmers' **Union Welsh** Livestock Board chairman, I visited many agri-cultural shows in Wales, as well as in Ireland and Scotland, and I feel we should be proud of our county show in the Vale.

Some shows are having a hard time surviving with wet summers, fewer farmers and an ageing rural population . Many farms in Wales are under restriction, due to TB, and the disease has now

spread into the Vale onto farms that have not bought stock for 20 years or more and rely on home-bred ani-

Due to the disease, farmers are unable to move stock off their farms. This affects shows, including ours, and means that cattle numbers this year will be down.

Other sections will make up for this and we have more

stands than ever.

I look forward to seeing you all at the show and we hope for good weather!

EDWARD REES, president



LEFT: Edward Rees. president of the Vale of Glamorgan Show 2010, with his wife Ann.

# Don't take right turn and ruin your Show day!

huge crowd that turned up last year to enjoy our bumper show, may have had justified concerns about delays in getting away from the showfield, partly caused by huge volumes of traffic.

One of the factors that contributed to some of the delays was that some motorists were trying to make a right hand turn onto the main B4265 to proceed home to

Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and the west.

This year, show organisers have invested in larger more visible signs which, if followed correctly, should avoid the need for any form of right turn whatsoever when rejoining the main B4265 Llantwit to Barry

Show director, David Harris, has made a huge plea to all attending the show to follow the exit procedures carefully, particularly at the busy period between 3pm and

6pm.
Basically, the part that confuses some people is

# Show jumping promises to be a thrilling event

HIS year promises to be a spectacular year for the show jumping classes - because they are so well supported by sponsors and competitors.

There are junior and senior classes, with the Open Royal Bath and West Qualifier the highlight in the show jumping arena at around 2.30pm. In addition to the

usual jumping class the feature class is The Premier Forest Products Six Bar Jumping Challenge at 5.15pm in the main

This will be six fences in a line, getting higher and higher until we have a winner. We already have entries from leading Welsh and English riders.

that you should exit the show in a different direction from which you entered the field.

If you arrive from the west and enter the show field via the main gravel drive entrance off the B4265, you should leave via the Fonmon castle end of the field, over the Castle Bridge. Conversely, if you

arrive from the east via Fonmon Village and over the Castle Bridge, you should exit the show via the long gravel track and turn left onto the

B4265.
"It's simple, really," says David, "but you must realise that when exiting the field you may appear to travel in the wrong direction' for a short while.

"Our overall traffic management plan has not really changed this year; but for the first time this year, there will be legal traffic orders in place that will prohibit certain vehicle movements in and around the showfield on showday.

"The legal orders will mean that it will be an offence under the Road Traffic Act to make a right hand turn from the showfield entrance on to the main road, so please don't be tempted, as the police will be watching!"

One final plea from David on behalf of the show organising committee: "Please turn out in your thousands to enjoy a wonderful action-packed family day out at the show.
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# VALE OF GLAMORGAN



# **SCENE IS SET FOR** BIGGEST ONE-DAY

HE gates open at 8.30am on Wednesday, August 11 for the Vale of Glamorgan Show, the biggest one-day event in the Vale with something to entertain all the family.

on the show field. which is situated next to Cardiff Airport, include dog show, the Firewood Company Horticultural Show, a craft fair, Cardiff Airport Home Produce Show, the Cooke & Arkwright Food Hall and a shopping mall all that with cattle, sheep and horse classes, chickens and pigs on

display, too! To complement the 'Farming in the Vale' marquee, the society has

invited Johnny Ball and the NFU road show down to join us. They will provide lots of information about what is produced in the countryside around us.

The Vale Council has a large stand this year, with children's enterainment and their 'love food hate waste' trailer.

Again, the council will be running the buses for the society to and from the field (details may be obtained from EST buses on 01446 773333).

Watch out for famous rugby stars at the event. Cardiff Blues will be training and it is rumoured that Ospreys



General secretary Nicola Gibson with 2010 vicepresident Jonathan Davies at last year's show.

Shane Williams and Ryan Jones will also be at the showground. At 3pm, the main

ring hosts the parade of prize-winning animals, which is always a great spectacle. This is fol-lowed by the James Dylan stunt team delivering a fun packed exhi-

bition, full of daring stunts on motorbikes to

thrill everyone.

Then, for the first time in 20 years, there will be a display by the South Wales Police dogs.
Following that, the

main ring will host a six-bar show jumping

competition, which promises to be a thrilling spectacle.

With more than 200 trade stands, a fairground, falconery, archery, laser clays and lots of children's entertainment and competitions, the Vale Show really does make a great day out.

Tickets cost £8 for an adult, £4 for a child and £20 for a family ticket (2 plus 2). For further informa-

tion, contact 01446 710099 or email. vale.show@btinternet.c om www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk

NICOLA GIBSON General secretary

James' stunts aim to amaze the spectators

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buggy.

James Dylan has performed stunts all over the world and accumulated five world records on the way. His exploits have

been shown on various television shows, includ-ing 'The World's Most Amazing Videos'. He has assembled a

team of talented riders that will amaze Vale Show crowds with their unbelievable skills.

The team will perform at 4pm in the main arena, a show that will include ramp jumps, wheelies, stoppies and many more remarkable stunts that need to be seen to be believed.

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# **VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTUR**

day 11th August - FONMON CASTLE PARI



# FANS' CHANCE TO GET A **PHOTO** (AND AUTOGRAPH)

BLUES will continue their summer events programme previous years.
The Cardiff Blues on August 11 at **Fonmon Castle** grounds during the Vale Show.

The annual event, which the Blues have regularly attended in recent years, provides another fantastic oppor-tunity for the public to meet the players and learn more about the

region. The Blues will be bringing their new jerseys, the Amlin Challenge Cup trophy and an even bigger contingent of players than

cademy squad will be taking part in an open training session from 1.30pm – 2.30pm in the Blues training area behind their stand, showing the public exactly what type of exercises and drills take place at training.
During this period,

McDonagi

there will also be senior squad members Fa'ao Filise, Maama Molitika, Gareth Williams and Jamie Roberts on hand for photos and auto-

graphs.
The Blues players will be bringing the Amlin Challenge Cup trophy, which they won after beating Toulon at the end of last season in an exciting match at Marseille, along with a merchandise range celebrating the win, the DVD and their new home and away shirts

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The Blues kick off their season in their newly-designed jerseys on August 27 against Newport Gwent Dragons in a fixture celebrating veteran flanker Martyn Williams' testimonial

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Wednesday 11th August - FONMON CASTLE PARI





# Gerry's incredible 65-year work record wins special award for his 'services to agriculture in the Vale'

IN February 1945, 14-year-old Gerald Crump began work with the Rees family at Wrinstone

**Farm, in Wenvoe.** Gerald, or Gerry as he is known, is still work-ing there. Farmers
Gwyn, Madeline and son
Glamorgan.
Gerry remem
first morning at

the society, singing Gerry's praises and following a meeting, the society decided to award Gerry a salver commemorating his services to agriculture in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Gerry remembers his

At the time, the farm had three working horses and a Ford standard tractor with iron wheels, which was used for ploughing and for using the binder

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Wrinstone – it was snowing and he was sent to clip swedes to be sent to lip swedes to Porth.

The market at Porth.

An inspiration for Gerry as a young man was watching Dave (Thomas) Wallace compete in Young Farmers'

shearing competitions. When he was shearing, he always tried to emulate Dave's exacting

For many years

Gerry cycled to work until he progressed to a moped. Only in the last three years has he resorted to using the farm jeep.
Gerry said that he has

always been made welcome in the farmhouse. having breakfast and lunch there every day

that he is in work.

The Royal Welsh Show long service medal was presented to Gerry 22 years ago, after 42 years of work at . Wrinstone.

Gwyn Rees said: 'Gerry is always in work on time. He can turn his hand to any work, from building walls and sheds, to mending a wooden door, or refitting a belt on a combine har-

"Gerry has seen many changes to agriculture

over the years, from horses to modern tracand has adapted well to each situation

"He even converted a swede drill from being horse-drawn into a tractor-drawn drill.

"He milked the cows

ABOVE:

Gerald Crump is presented with a silver salver by Edward Rees, the show president, and David Harris, the show's director.

on the farm for more than 50 years until the

dairy was closed. "Working for three generations of the Rees amily over a period of 65 years, Gerry has been totally committed to his work and his employ-

Gerry has always

been in excellent health taking less then 10
days off for sickness in
years. On October 29, he celebrates his 80th birthday.

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2009 president Mrs Mary Thomas presenting Mary Llewellyn with the Home Produce Cup.

# Farming marquee's star will be Dolly the cow!

Show has a marquee dedicated to explaining how and what the farming industry in the Vale of Glamorgan produces.

Visit this tent to find out more about where your food comes from. and ask the farmers there

lots of questions. The Glamorgan Women's Farming Union will be in atten-dance this year, linking the producer and con-

The main feature will be 'wool', a completely natural biodegradable material from a renewable and sustainable resource

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sheep to jumper. Learn the grain story

and see calves, sheep, goats and a selection of poultry. Glamorgan YFC will have a promotional table

inside the marquee. Why not have a look at what they do and if you are between the ages of 10 and 26, consider joining up?

You don't have to be

a farmer's son or daugh-ter to join in all the fun! 'Food for Thought' will be there with the egg incubators that

schools are able to hire.

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As always, there will be a wonderful variety of craft work, all very skilfully and lovingly made.

The new craft work at

this Vale Show will include beautifullydesigned gifts from designer fabrics, wedding accessories, baby wear and nursery items, cushions made from recycled Welsh wool blankets, knitwear in Welsh wool and natural fibres, hand painted plates for all occasions and the most beautiful hand painted silk scarves

Tina Drakes from Cardigan, will once again be exhibiting products made from her bees such as facial and hand creams and a variety of honey.

This is only a brief summary of delights which will await the visitors to the craft fair this

ANN ARNOTT Craft Fair Organiser/Secretary

# Dog show exhibition comes all the way from France!

OG show entries in general are down throughout the UK, and I feel this is attributable to the recession and the high cost of fuel.

However, the Vale Show has a slightly higher num-

ber of competitors than last year.

The facilities for the dog show are second to none and we always attract a large number of spectators, who look at and meet their favourite breeds.

Judging will commence at 11am, so please come early. Once again, judges are attending from all over the country.

Exhibitors also travel long distances to attend, one of the furthest being one of the regular exhibitors from Land's End. This year, however, the furthest to travel is our first

European exhibitor with two Irish Wolfhounds, domiciled in France. With the ease of animal movement now, with a pet

passport, we hope this will be the first of many in the

future.

The organisers of the show put in a great deal of work and effort prior to show day, so all we need for another successful show is the weather! The dog section looks forward to welcoming you on

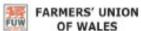
the day, and if you have any doggy questions you would like answered, please ask anyone on the committee who will be only too pleased to help.

PV PASK - Dog show secretary.

LEFT: The dog section is always a popular attraction at the Vale Show.



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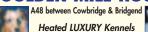
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# THIS A-TEAM MAKE THE GRADE IN DUMB, **BUT THOROUGHLY FUN, ADVENTURE!**

"IN 1972 a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a military court for a crime they didn't commit..." - No opening to a theme tune is cooler than this, but for the uninitiated the words come from the theme tune to The A-Team, an American TV series following four 'soldiers of fortune' as they help the helpless to overcome

A cult classic, a film has been mooted from as long ago as 1994, but finally makes cinema screens under the auspice of director Joe Carnahan.

Set in the present day, army rangers Hannibal (Liam Neeson). Face (Bradley Cooper), Face (Bradley Cooper), B A (Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson) and Murdoch (Sharlto Copley) are a Special Ops unit with a

cerdded i chi.

thought to have been involved in the stealing of money-printing

Escaping, the foursome plan their revenge on those who set them up, determined to clear their name before they are caught up in a situation even they cannot escape from.

Given that the majori-ty of films these days seem to be based on ideas from the past, the fact that it has taken so long for something as hugely popular as *The A*-Team to reach the big screen is hardly surprising. Arguably, one of the big discussions about its celluloid viability may well have been the tone to take with it jokey and self referential a la *Starsky and Hutch*, or po-faced and dramatic like Miami Vice?

The answer that director Joe Carnahan and his co-writers Brian Bloom

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'Three Villages', Sycamore 'Three Villages', Sycamore Tree Int Tregolwyn/Colwinston (telephone 07946 517448). and Skip Woods have come up with is to sim-ply ramp up the elements that made the original show such a favourite, with a modern twist that plants it firmly in the present era. The end result, much like the TV show, is hugely entertaining, gloriously daft and wonderfully slight – if you are looking for the definition of a 'leave your brain at the door' blockbuster, then

look no further! If The A-Team series was one that is better in the memory than on actual screen, then the film picks the defining characteristics of the show and allies them to the perfunctory action film set-up, complete with massive explosions, car chases, gunfire-aplenty and the spectacle you come to expect.

That this is handled with a pleasing lack of subtlety is down to director Carnahan, whose Smokin' Aces may not have been the most intelligent of films, but delivered non-stop action, a template he follows here to wonderful

Yes, the action set pieces are more than a little daft and pay little or no respect for the conventions of reality, but there is something wonderfully enjoyable about them, whether it is falling to earth in a tank, shooting down chasing aircraft, a heist where we are talked through the group's actions as they carry it out (a styl-

# SCREEN TALK



## by GARETH **JAMIESON**

ish touch from the director) or a kidnap that is effortlessly cool - dumb but fun seems to be the ethos, and its one that Carnahan has little trouble abiding by.

As mentioned, the script does a good job of shoehorning in the series' main ingredients, while doing a neat, if slightly forced, job of showing how the gang got together in the first

The fun and games distract from the some what generic storytelling on show, the plot no doubt drawn from that well-thumbed tome, 'Action Films for Dummies', while the dialogue also appears to be drawn from the same book. However, its decided lack of serious ness makes this far less of a hindrance than it would normally, the elements coalescing into a satisfying, if slightly

this adaptation rested on casting the right actors in the iconic roles, something that was no doubt an exercise in hoping for the best, given the attachment much of the audience has for the original actors. However, it is one that pays dividends, with the four main actors acquitting themselves well, paying lip service to the nature of the original actors, but placing

their own stamp.

Those querying Liam Neeson's action creden-tials would be well served to watch the vastly underrated Taken. where the one-time Oskar Schindler takes great delight in whoop-ing evil, but here he brings a gravitas and weight to proceedings, echoing George Peppard's role in the series, but giving his own take on the character; his execution of lighting a cigar and lov-ing what happens 'when a plan comes together' is wonderfully light but enjoyable.

Bradley Cooper is building a reputation in Hollywood for being a comedic act with a good touch, and the reputation remained in place here, bringing charm and charisma to the role of

He delivers the quips with aplomb, the action sequences with gusto. and there's more than a few rippling pectoral muscles for the ladies to

It is, however, the two

create the biggest

impression, Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson hav-ing the big boots of Mr T to fill, and fill them he does, giving his B A a little more grounding in reality and less of the chunky gold jewellery, in a subdued yet solid turn which fits in well with the film as a whole. Sharlto Copley will be

recognised by many for his role in last year's District 9, and as Murdoch, lights ups the film with some hugely comedic moments.

Nabbing the film from

his co-stars, Copley is hugely amusing and captures the anarchic humour and mindset of the character wonderful-

ly.
With well-placed support from Jessica Biel and a smarmy and slimy Patrick Wilson, the performances, while unlikely to trouble Oscar voters, are perfectly posi-tioned within the nature of the film and much like the film as a whole seem to be not shy about letting on how much fun they are having, which translates well.

Given the demand for

blockbusters with brains, The A-Team is unashamedly lacking in them, the film taking no great pains to make any allegories about war, corporate greed or any of the other elements films seem to take great delight in shoehorning in under the surface.

Meanwhile, Carnahan's lack of experience in the world of summer blockbusters is

highlighted come the film's overly bombastic climax, a sequence that while cleverly construct-ed, is hamstrung by poor editing and an OTTapproach that makes the rest of the film look

remarkably sedate. However, The A-Team's preference for brawn over brains, and its innate sense of fun and excitement, means the end product is ludicrous entertainment and one that you will enjoy immersing yourself in and with the building blocks now in place,

hopefully a second part will see them become true 'soldiers of fortune'; I, for one, will love that plan coming together!

VERDICT: Slick,

dumb, and full of fun, The A-Team is perfect cinematic entertainment. Ludicrously enjoyable, the cast convey the sense of excitement and provide plenty in return.

Its lack of brains may make it the poor relation, but there is nothing guilty about this pleasurable action film. Recommended.

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It was the first time an international competition had been organised in the relatively new discipline of panoramic photography, and was organised jointly by the two multinationals, Nikon and

MALCOLM NUGENT, who is a regular contributor to The GEM, entered a portfolio of work, but his favourite was the photograph (above) of the stepping stone at Ogmore.

Malcolm explained to The GEM that panoramic photography was becoming

more and more popular with the development of computer programmes that 'blend' a series of photographs into one long one.

He also corrected several misconceptions that a layman (ie this reporter) might have about panoramic photography. It does not, apparently, depend on motorised camera moving across the field of view.

There is an old joke, usually told about school photographs, which involves one pupil standing at one end, and then jumping down, sprinting behind his classmates, and then appearing at the other end – to be in the photo

A good story but, says Malcolm, quite impossible, because the cameras that took those photos would scan the line in less than one second!

In many ways, Malcolm's bronze

medal is completing the circle. When he was a student in England, he and a friend decided that their year-end project would be to invent a panoramic camera. They set to work and completed that project, with some success.

The photograph held by Malcolm (right), is the result of that work and shows the high street in High Wycombe as it was more than 50 years ago.

Things suddenly became quite exciting then, because they patented the mechanism they had invented, and there was interest from the photographic giant Minolta.

The company took the design away but two years later, launched their own! Malcolm said; "I would like to claim that they stole our design, but theirs

was different, and it did work better!" PHILIP IRWIN



ABOVE:

Malcolm Nugent with a 50-year-old photograph taken by his prototype panoramic camera, when he was a student.

# 'Only Boys Aloud' stun Eisteddfod audience with superb new show

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# NHS watchdog's new complaints service to public

THE newly-formed Southerndown on Cardiff and Vale of Monday, August 2. G l a m o r g a n Community Health Council (CHC) and the Vale have joined forces to enable an independadvocate to visit Ogmore, Coryton, St Major, Ogmore-by-Sea, cy servi Ewenny and 350614.

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the audience was spine onto www.onlyboysatingling! I think it was lould.com



Only Boys Aloud Maesteg, who sang a lead part in Calon Lân, said: "Walking out onto the stage on Friday night the stage on Friday night with the stage on Friday night to Only Men Aloud and our community leaders for giving us this Aloud the best performance we have done to date as a

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Rhys Fenton led the we've played, in so to get way for the Welsh our first win here is youngsters with two tries tremendous." Blackmore, Efan Ellis, Matt McGovern and

Alex Webber added a further two conversions In addition to Luke Pring, Patrick Hanslow.

John, Patrick Hanslow Subs: Efan Ellis, Mike in a tight match.

Gloucester also Griffiths, made his debut. "It was a hard fought

youngsters with two area and three goals, while Ollie Olds, Kyle Howells; Dan Godwin, Howells; Dan Godwin,

Fenton, Webber, Josh Ramsey, Beddau-based debutant Luke John also crossed; Webber, Josh Ramsey; Alex Webber, Ollie Olds; Chris Davies, Kyle Blackmore, Seb Vidal, Watkins, Jack

Subs: Efan Ellis, Mike Griffiths,
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TONY ROSSETTI.

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The Welsh Ambulance Service joined forces with PONT to improve the lives of residents in a district of Uganda called 'Make

Nine ambulance service frontline staff, including Tony, have, in the last try to set up an emer-gency ambulance service

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out there. The people are despite the enormity and fantastic, they are so tragedy of the 'Aberfan' willing to learn, despite type disaster experienced

captured on film the "On my return trip in strive to help each other April, I also had more and move on." Ambulance strategic meetings with senior health officials from the three districts of Service group's efforts to teach basic life-saving tionships with the people

The paramedics and technicians from the Ambulance Welsh Mable, Manafwa and Service are collecting Bududa – the scene of a donations for the Mbale they met in Mbale.

His efforts won for him first and second prize in the PONT competition held recently.

His added: "I also had training skills.

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Tony said: "I am really the opportunity to visit proud that my efforts to capture life out in Mbale have been recognised.
"It's been such a humbling experience to go resourceful people who, region.

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# VILLAGERS THINK BIG AND LLANFEST ENTERTAINMENT DAY IS THE RESULT!

# PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

LAST Saturday saw the launch of Llanfest, a summer festival organised by the Llangan and St Mary Hill village hall committee at Fferm Goch Green in Llangan.

With the weather on their side, the 200 or so visitors enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment thanks to a traditional funfair, a skittles knockout challenge open to all ages, and a silent auction.

In addition, craftsmen

In addition, craftsmen and women were selling a variety of hand-made items such as jewellery, ceramics and glassware, as well as a selection of mouth-watering homemade cakes.

made cakes.

The miniature steam railway proved extremely popular with children of all ages, who also greatly enjoyed the bouncy castle and the clown performance. Children could have their face painted while others opted for their

portrait sketched by a local artist.

After visiting the many stalls set up around the green, families could relax at the bar near the stage, as live music was provided throughout the afternoon by five different bands who delighted the crowds with their fantastic music.

Thanks to the very

Thanks to the very generous response and the quality of the prizes donated by more than 20 local organisations, our raffle and silent auctions were a huge success and many visitors left looking forward to enjoying their prize.

we would like to thank all the visitors, stallholders and our many raffle-prize donors who helped make this event such a success.

The funds raised will help continue with the refurbishment of the village hall.

The committee is now hoping to stage Llanfest 2011 in June next year. Watch this space! KL





































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**BEHIND** the scenes on every carnival day, there are dozens of volunteers whose day starts rather earlier than for the spectators.

Floats need to be decorated, and for Kerry Marlow and his team from the Buckaneers, there is always work to be done down on the carnival field, getting it ready for the afternoon revellers.

Then there are the first aid teams, and other local organisations that do their bit on the day, from fetching and carrying, by marshalling the procession, or by rattling the collecting bucket.

Finally, there is that little matter of clearing up

It's a long day for some, but it goes to make Porthcawl Carnival a special day!

# PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN



ABOVE: The Blue Water Club in Wig Fach preparing their float.

ABOVE RIGHT: The Coastguard team.

BELOW: Porthcawl Rugby Club, hard at work getting their float ready.





















ABOVE: Kerry Marlow of the Buckaneers (centre) with the judges.

ABOVE: The St John Ambulance were on call all day.



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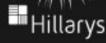
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2010/00716/FUL
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2010/00709/FUL Construction of one four bedroom detached dormer bungalow with double garage within residential curtilage 45, South Road, Sully

# Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
Land to the north of the railway line off Pentir Y De, Rhoose. Proposed development at Land to the north of the railway

I give notice that Bellway Homes Limited and Persimmon Homes Limited is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Outline planning for the construction of up to 350 dwellings; the laying out of formal and informal open space, and changing rooms; new means of vehicular access onto Pentir Y De and associated infrastructure.

The proposal has been submitted with an Environmental Statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £50.00 (CD £5.00) from Boyer Planning Limited, 1B, Oak Tree Court, Mulberry Drive, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff. CF23 8RS so long as

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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 26 August, 2010

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 26 August 2010 quoting reference 2010/00686/EAO.

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Dated: 5 August, 2010 Rob Thomas Head of Planning and Transportation The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT

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2010/00707/RES
Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 6 (Picketston South) incorporating matters including: - Picketston Sport building and pitches; access; parking facilities; landscaping; sustainability; fencing; and retained trees and hedges (and including submissions for approval of specified details in respect of conditions attached to 2009/00500/OUT relating to the DTC site as a whole).

as a whole). Defence Technical College : Zone 6 Picketston South, MOD St Location:/Lleoliad: Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Cowbridge on Thursday August 5 at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, Family flowers only. Donatious, ii so to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

#### on your graduation from the Royal Veterinary College 20th July 2010 at the

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# **DIMOND** Lionel

Li Dimond formerly of Westward Rise, Barry, passed away on Wednesday 28th July at College ields Nursing Home in Barry aged 96. He survived his wife Eileen by nine years and will be greatly missed by his children Roger and Lois, grandchildren Richard, Emma and Alex, great granddaughter Sophie and his sister Mary. A short ceremony to celebrate Li's life will be held at Capel Briwnant, Thornhill Crematorium on Tuesday 10th August at 2.15pm. Any floral tributes may be sent to AG Adams and Sons, 1-11 Gladstone Road, Barry.

# Weddings

# A Beech becomes a Birch

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Congratulations Mum & Dad

# Carole & Glyn Roberts on your

# 40th Wedding Anniversary

8th August 2010

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## CADOXTON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

# Bowlers undone by the lines at Penarth

Munro Cup match and were very sur-prised by the tion of the green.

The pace was good but the lines were difficult to find, and the number of ally increased their superiority.

Graham Brown had a find, and the number of rinks highlighted this.

had three fours against, the difference in the final

ed a six, five, four and two threes, while the Graham Brown rink had their problems with five threes against.
The closest result was

produced on the rink required shot. Skipped by Kelvin Kelvin Chedgzoy. Which seemed to be steering his a four against.

was a defeat on all rinks.

S Clarke G Solomon L Davies, D Kuhnell 12–25; G Powell, R Cole, J Stewart, H Craven – 17–27; J Stacey, J Sugden, A Brown, G Brown – 15–21; D Evans, L Cundliffe, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy – 15 Final score – 59–92. 15-19:

#### Cadoxton Murch- ML3

Cadoxton's downward trend continued with another home defeat against Murch.

There was a mix-up prior to the game when one of their players did not turn up, and a substitute had to be called back from the 'A' side who had travelled to play Murch 'A'. This hold-up seemed to unsettle the players performed below

their normal standard.

The rink skipped by
Don Kuhnell took a 7–0 Don Kuhnell took a 7–0 tion with a 10-point win. lead, but four ends later were trailing 7–9. The mainly due to an over-deficit increased to nine, whelming win for the with three ends left, rink skipped by Ivor though wins on these Robertson, with new-three ends reduced the comer Steve Clarke, old

CADOXTON visit-ed Penarth for this Howard Craven's rink Dai Tuck, normally a had a bad start with a 0–7 regular with the club. score-line, but after the following five ends the

unfavourable condi- still one, but from then

counts against on all dreadful start with his rinks highlighted this. Don Kuhnell's rink only one scoring end in the first six, trailing 3–10. By the 10th it was 5–16, but a tremendous The rink skipped by recovery brought the Howard Craven conced-score level on the 17th and they took a one shot lead two ends later.

Unfortunately, with the scores level going into the final end, the last bowl failed to make the

received three threes and rink to a match winning only broken by two sucseven ends remaining.

However the tables were turned and only a further single was added

with 11 against.
T Bishop, W Vaughan,
J Davies, K Chedgzoy –
20; H Guppy, T Rice, R
Pemberton, B Hill – 17.
P Ellis, L Cundliffe, D

Brook, D Kuhnell – 17; D Poole, D Blaney, C Parsons, R Mauchline 15.

Brown, G Brown – 21; R Pratt, R Crouch, I Williams, C Gray – 23. G Davies, L Davies, G

Jones, H Craven – 11; R Grant, M Hughes, J Manfield, C Garland –

Cadoxton 'A'

Murch 'A' - ML6

side and kept themselves in contention for promo-

# Ladies have a mixed encounter

CADOXTON ladies in fine form by winning bowlers faced the first two ends for four Glamorgan league

Rink one: Cadoxton catch-up statement of the Evans, J Tuck – 26; Cadoxton did score on Llantwit – E Hardie, J eight ends of this 18-end

The result on the 11th catch Llantwit. end was a draw at 10.

Cadoxton came into Cadoxton their own on the next six Callaghan, L Spencer, J ends, scoring 16, making Watkins, N Clissett – 8; it impossible to catch up. Llantwit – A Mutlow, V Llantwit went out in a Baelz, P Cook, M Lewis

blaze of glory scoring two shots on the last end.

Pike, M Morgan, M last three ends scoring a mighty 10 shots.

Cadoxton started off

difference was just one. Four ends later it was

on the opposition gradu-

seemed to be steering his four against. score with a 10–1 start
The overall outcome after five ends, and improved to 19-6 with

K Tanner, D Evans, A

Final score: 69–78

The 'A' side went to Murch to play their 'A'

Llantwit levelled and carried on bagging shots away last Thursday. to bring the game to a catch-up situation for

Voss, C Willmot, E Gray match, but with singles, and it was not enough to

> Rink three:

Disaster **Rink two:** Cadoxton Cadoxtone, though they J Wood, P Cox, P did win five ends of this Davies, E Osborne – 12; match, but Llantwit dom-Llantwit – L Johnes, P inated. They finished the

They breezed through

Graham Garland was three-week absence to skip his rink to another two points.

After conceding an early four, the rink scored steadily to lead 20-11 going into the last end, only to concede another four. Roy Harding's rink trailed 4-10 at half way but recovered in the sec ond half to just fail by two shots.

nine further shots while only four singles were

S Clements, L Tanner, A Carpenter, G Garland – 20; M Warman, P Willis F Maunder, I Robinson -

Maidment. Solomon, L Little, J Stewart – 18; C Savage, R Huntley, G Lane, G Santavy – 24. G Powell, R Cole, S

Pycroft, R Harding – 15; G Vincent, D Bateman, B Broomfield, A Savage –
17. Final score: 85–64.

the match, only losing six singles and a two, while winning ends with counts of five, four,,and threes.

welcomed back after a

over-50s,

The rink skipped by John Stewart started well with a 6-3 advantage, but a 'four began a run of losing ends which was cesses for a score of

A better finish brought scored against.

S Clarke, I Dunbar, D Tuck, I Robertson – 32; M Wheadon, L Moreton M Williams, J Evans - 8

with a week of cricket 40th Anniversary celebrations, Barry Wanderers played two matches during the last week

against

Axbridge Somerset. The Tuesday match saw the Wanderers over-50s batting first and reaching a very creditable 187 for 9 from their 40 overs.

Lisvane

and

Useful contributions throughout the order by Colin Rowlands, Rob Tucker and Ian King cen-tred around an excellent 47 from Elwyn Toozer with Ian Hudson and Bob Mullins being the pick of the visitors' bowling

attack The Lisvane reply was well placed at 94 for 2 after a solid second wicket partnership between Ian Cameron and Gwyn Bowen but wickets fell at regular intervals and the challenge of scoring 40 from the final five overs

proved too great. Phil John. Ashton, John Williams and Toozer shared the wickets as the Wanderers got home by 24 runs.

It was another outstanding day's cricket on Thursday with the toss once again favouring the Wanderers, as they scored 178 for 8.



The Barry Wanderers

celebrate 40 years

From left to right (top) David Darlington (umpire), Tom Ridgwell, Brian Gist (wk), John Williams, Rob Tucker, Andy Fenton, James Hassett, Richard Morgan (umpire) Gerry Richards, Mark Ellis, Mike Ashton (Captain), Luke Denning, Chris Barnes

imperious form, reaching face last year's division In the third over, Hughes partnership of 53 for the eighth wicket between Jimmy Hassett and a flu
This was not only to again caught by the ent Gerry Richards.

Axbridge batted well throughout the order with the game always in the record books last year

added a vital 65 runs for the sixth wicket before hosts. Phil Davies struck three boundaries in the last two overs to see the Somerset visitors to victory with four balls remaining -Hassett, Andy Fenton and Mark Ellis shared the wickets Wanderers President's

Monkswood **Barry Wanderers** 

ON Saturday, the Wanderers marched up ON Rob Tucker was in into the Gwent Valleys to

51 with 10 boundaries four champions had Roberts caught followed by a memorable Monkswood in a match behind by Keir for one

push on with their proalso to put right the dance. when the Wanderers
Beverall and Jarman somewhat unluckily lost

out on the title to their Jamie Keir won the toss and chose to bat, and the ever-reliable pair of Lanagan and Sherriff off his last ball. By the made good this decision time Parton and Hughes by seeing off the new

They put on 43 together before Sherriff fell to Probert for 11, caught

sharply by Jones at slip.

Lanagan and Thomas
carried on and looked
comfortable until Lanagan was needlessly run out for 42.

There then followed a collapse and Collapse
Wanderers were in trouble on 76-4, with Aled wickets and land Peter Hughes three.

About Hughes three.

About Hughes three.

Monkswood were allowed the second of the

without scoring.
Neil Blundell steadied the ship, first with Hassett (13) but then more spectacularly with Will Parton. Together, they ran hard between the wickets and Parton unleashed some massive blows, including a huge

six over long-on.
Parton scored 32 off 26 balls and he and Blundell together put on 47 for the seventh wicket. Blundell soon followed for 37 but the fun wasn't over, with Gareth Hughes smashing 14 off nine balls, which included two sixes - the first of his career.

He was out the last ball of the innings as the Wanderers somehow managed to scramble together 197 all-out to give their bowlers something to bowl at.

As had happened the week before. the Wanderers made runs difficult for their opponents to come by.
Parton this time had

Aled Hughes as his partner in crime and due to them stifling the bats-

This was not only to again caught by the 9 off 45 overs. sh on with their pro- wicketkeeper Keir, but The Wande

of Parton The father and son combination of Rod and Mike Jones looked to see off the opening spells and were starting to look to score some runs before Hughes had Jones senior caught by Blundell for 15 Monkswood were on 50-3 off 20 overs.

Grant Cole and Gareth remainder of the Monkswood line-up, and while the run-rate started to rise, more wickets continued to fall and some good catching (particularly from Coleman who took three) ensured

out for 98 and all four run partnership. Wanderers bowlers their side's relatively modest total was never troubled

The SofaSofa BWCC 34. man of the match was Will Parton, while the David Lush Fumble was

#### Jamie Keir. **Barry Wanderers** Seconds v Monkswood Seconds THE Wanderers enter-

tained old Monskwood for Second XI league fixture with both sides battling for promotion and having everything to play for.

Wanderers skip Chris Barnes won the toss and elected to field. The overhead condi-

tions and dampness in the wicket provided some variation and made tough for the Monkswood openers.

Bowles, returning given the after a spell in Australia, victory. and Preesanth opened the bowling for the hosts SofaSofa man of the with accuracy and venom men, pressure grew and eventually wickets fell. and were very unlucky battling 34 and his not to take a wicket, with 29 bowling figures. both openers leading a

outside edge of their bats.

Barnes turned to medium pacers L Denning and Ellis and they reaped the rewards of tight bowling, claiming six wickets between them and not only sending the openers back to the pavilion but also the heart of the middle order, reducing Monkwood to 77 for 5.

Chris Sanders bowled a tidy spell for no wickets, keeping runs at a premium before Bowles and Preesanth came back at the death and deservedly took a wicket each.

Johnson claimed a quality run out as the Monskwood limped tamely to 145 for

The Wanderers knew motion challenge, but this time off the bowling they were in for a battle, as the history books have a number of Wanderers collapses to note and when Johnson holed out to the first ball of their innings it was a sign that they would have to battle to claim the victory.

Denning departed soon after and had bowled through, Ellis again strode to the wicket with the home side in trouble. It was now a case of Barnes and Hughes decimated the Ellis grinding out and seeing off the opening bowlers, which they did without too much con-

Barnes notched up yet another 50 as his fantastic season with the bat continued but was out immediately to a sharp caught and bowled by Ian Williams to end a 61-

Ellis was joined at the Wanderers bowlets bowled excellently as a wicket by Ridgwell and unit and ensured that he was beginning to cut loose, even hitting a rare six before departing for

> Ridgwell, Denning and Toozer departed cheaply, leaving Wanderers on the brink at 127 for 7 and the match evenly poised.

However, Burgin and Sanders, two of the Wanderers second team unsung heroes, took the Wanderers over the finishing line with both batsmen scoring boundaries.

The winning shot was stroked over cover by Sanders to give the tory and 23 points.

The celebrations were one of relief and euphoria as this was a particularly pleasing result given the manner of the

Ellis earned match award due to his battling 34 and his 3 for

# Title chase hots up in the midweek cricket league

FOLLOWING the rains of the previous week, the last round of fixtures brought some really good games and

performances. Match of the week was at Lisvane where the home team batted first and scored an impressive 195 for 4, G Edwards scoring 55 and Mudhassin

taking 3 for 37 for the Internationals. The champions elect, largely due to a fantastic unbeaten 101 from Varun and 43 from Majid, reached the

target to win by six wickets. Internationals still lead the table and are unbeaten all season, but Llantwit Cavaliers are still pressing hard and hoping their main rivals for

the title slip up during the run-in. Cavaliers visited Dinas Powys

Common and, after scoring 156 for 5, bowled out their hosts for 95. Shane Callard scored 52 while the most successful Cavaliers bowler was Snelson, who took 2 for 1.

Penarth hold third spot after beating Barry West End by 19 runs. All Penarth batsmen got in, then out, and Huw Morgan top-scored with 25 while for West End, Mark Ewington rattled up 37 but Tom Parkinson's 5 for 13 swung the match in the Seasiders' favour, the bowler also taking the first hat-trick of the

Cardiff lie fourth after a comprehensive win over Barry Wanderers, who were skittled out for 94.

Wickets were shared around but Matt Preece with 2 for 5 and Gareth Watts with 2 for 9 were the pick of the Cardiff attack; Dave Kirtleys'

unbeaten 62 saw the visitors take both points.

The basement battle between

Tynewydd and Creigiau was an excellent match, the Barry side winning by three runs in a close-fought Rhett Iones scored a fine 84 not

out and leg-spinner Owain Griffiths took 2 for 9 as the Inn posted 139 for Martin Powell with 38, and Chris Marusza with 43, led the early charge, but when both batsmen fell within two runs of each other, the

Inn's bowlers fought back well.
Roy Rogers took 2 for 29 and Les Ingram bowled really well at the death to give the Inn two much need-

ed points.

Fontygary scored 199 for 6 with Lewis Doel 49 not out, Nick Jones (39) and Herbie Miller (38) contribut ing the bulk of the runs against Cavaliers Colts.
Frazer Wheatley returned 3 for 24

as the Colts put in a spirited response scoring 148 for 6. A Ashton top scored with 32 not out, while Nick Jones completed a

fine all-round performance taking 4 In the Cup there were wins for Pencoed and Penarth courtesy of a favourable call on the toss of a coin. West End beat Tynewydd by 56 runs while Cardiff, a good outside bet for this trophy, overcame Llantwit Cavaliers by 62 runs.

All teams please note that the final will be held at Barry Island on Friday, August 20, 5.45pm start.



Huw Williams, sponsor Mike King, winners Trevor Wooding and John Caines with Alun Jones.

# THE GOWER IS THE **VENUE FOR THE** GOLFING FARMERS

LANGLAND BAY Golf Club on the Gower Peninsular, formed in 1904, and located over lush meadowland across sprawling clifftons with its spectacular views over many of the local bays, proved an outstanding venue for the monthly meeting for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

Sponsored by Maesglas Veterinary Group, 36 members and guests gathered to comnete for the Maesglas Veterinary Shield in this annual pairs competi-

Two members who will long remember their visit to this magnificent course are John Caines and Trevor Wooding. Three birdies on the front nine by John paved the way for very impressive halfway score of 23

Another birdie on the short par three 11th hole by playing partner Trevor, followed by three consecutive pars, took their closing score to 44 stableford points, to easily win the Maesglas Veterinary

In second place, with 36 points, was Andrew Thomas and Mike Lee, followed by Godfrey Lewis and Clive Edwards, who finished third. Keith James and Aubrey Thomas took fourth place with 35

#### An eagle for Huw Two other contestants

who hit top form to win the guest section were Alun Jones and Huw Williams. A strong finish, which included an eagle on the 396-yard par four 17th hole by Huw, and a birdie on the final hole by Alun, pro-duced nine points on the final two holes for a closing score of 38 points. Runners-up were Peter Jones and Barrie Melhuish with 30

At first the runs flow,

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Andrew Thomas Barrie Melhuish, John Caines and Trevor Wooding.

Huw Williams's mon ster drive down the 17th fairway secured the 'James the Butcher' sponsored prize, while Griff Morgan's house warming plans were given a timely boost when he correctly guessed 64 golf balls would fail to return home to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky.

Mention must be made of the excellent catering facilities provided at this very hospitable club - greatly appreciated by those in attendance - and it brought to a close a perfect day on the Gower.

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday, August 26 at Llanishen Golf Club when members will be competing for the Anthony Brown Cup

# **COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

# Four away games in one week mean hard work for club teams

Bridgend Municipal in a Cowbridge Challenge

The Bridgend club players and was too strong on this occasion, winning on all three rinks and by 60-39.

For the Thursday

FOUR games were league game, the oppo-tained Cowbridge and it Lewis and Norman played last week by nents were Barry was unfortunate that on Wilkinson, won 16-19. played last week by nents were Barry was unfortunate that on Central. Anne Jarvis's his rink, after leading rink lost 29-12; Pat throughout the match, bowling teams - Davey's rink drew 18- there was a three-shot Cowbridge of Stage, only scored and all were away! 118; and Joan Bradley's count against it on the last 11 last end, losing 16-15.

To the first game, rink won by 14-22.

The the first game of the last 11 last end, losing 16-15.

Bradley's LEAGUE GAME of Stage, only scored and count against it on the last 11 lends, losing 17-25.

Rink four - Norman of the last 11 lends, losing 17-25.

Central 61, lge 52. Barry Ce Cowbridge Cowbridge gained three

points **MUNRO CUP** nas been strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with an influx of new players and a large strengthened with a Murch Powys.

Dennis Snelling cap-

#### and lost 21-14. Offsetting this, and week Munro Cup almost winning the game was played at match overall, were game was played at match Dinas excellent performances on Byron Richards's

(winning 11-15). On the other rink, tion. Steve Dickens had a Rink two – Roger The next league game good game as skip, and Barwick's team scored is at home to Ferndale

after the first few ends,

against it on the last end

The aggregate score as Murch 64,

# league had a four-shot count against played at Gardens, Cardiff.

grass,

Grange needed a good draw 20-20. rink with support from result to stay in division

Ron Woolford, Brian two, while Cowbridge was

Elsey and Len Taylor needed points to consol
Cow idate a mid-table posi-

with the support of nine shots on the last Charles Sanders, Rob four ends to secure a 25nine shots on the last this Saturday.

Rink three - Dennis Snelling's team, after 64, leading at the halfway 63. stage, only scored two

quartet, playing catch-up THE men's Saturday Wilkinson's team took game was an early lead and Grange, remained in front, win-Grange ning 16-12.

Rink five - David On rinks sparse of Jones's team was seven rass, line and length shots down after 15 proved difficult for both ends, but scored nine over the last six ends to

The aggregate score Grange Cowbridge Cowbridge gained five valuable away points.

# Two wins for Llantwit ladies

cricketers win

DINAS POWYS Tom Gingell and Ben

have hit a rich vein Jenkins grabbing a wickof form lately, but
tlentwit Moior
Snelson came on for the

Common to remain two batsmen with just joint top of the midfour balls for one run.

one of thinks (25) for a first distribution of the option another 43 runs overs each and for the with Mike Wood (31) Cavaliers Mike Wood (2)

finished on 156 for 5 off for 4) and Mark Coldwell

strike

wickets.

Gareth Evans
Wed some resistance, not such a bad deal for as were eventually all the Cavaliers, who could for 95 with James do without distractions

strong pace Llantwit com strong pace attack, Llantwit could only muster 97 for 8, the high-

James

le (16) and Griffiths got

Shane Callard (52) 20 overs. joined Griffiths (25) for a In this

Major last over and rolled back

the years to claim the last

Cardiff are too

strong in the Cup

On Thursday, Llantwit travelled to the Diamond Ground, Whitchurch, for

a midweek cup fixture

against a very strong Cardiff side, who hit an impressive 159 for 6 off

In this format, all out-

for 17), Shane Callard (2 for 19), Mark Dowling (1

(1 for 8) captured the

In reply against

light being a 54-run pa

nership between Mike

Wood (23) and Cavaliers' man of the

match Mark Coldwell

LLANTWIT Ladies Morgan, Val Baelz and travelled to Prince Liz Crouch 17-11. of Wales Court in Porthcawl on Bowls Club to Llantwit for a league match and Cowbridge Challenge

Match.
They won on two rinks and lost on one – taking eight points out of

Peggy Pike, Ann Mutlow and Kay Johnes 11-20;

Llantwit

week league.

Openers

Huxstable

dominated on the

Julian Griffiths got Llantwit off to a flying

start with a 39-run part-

nership before Huxstable

departed in the seventh

and 36 more with Jack Lansdown as Llantwit

bowlers Dave Cheal (4

overs 1 for 7) and Jake McNaughton (3-1-15)

both took wickets in their

opening overs and restricted Dinas to 26 for

Although the middle

showed some resistance,

Dinas were eventually all

order of Stuart Jones, match Mar Tariq Ali, Jason Harries (31 not out).

2 off seven overs.

and

their 20 overs.

Llantwit

On Thursday, Llantwi Shield again won on two rinks and lost on one – taking eight out of 10 points.

The rinks were: Etta Gray, Carol Willmot, Jean Voss and Edna Hardie 12-26; Marian Lewis, Pat Cook, Val The rinks were: Pat Cook, Etta Gray, Marian Lewis, Pat Cook, Val Lewis and Edna Hardie Baelz and Ann Mutlow 21-8; Carol Willmot, 31-8; May Davies, 31-8; May Davies, Margaret Morgan, Peggy Kay Johnes 11-20; Pike and Kay Johnes 21 Voss, Margaret 12. KJ

# Although three rinks Llantwit 'flying'

68-65 shots. Graham Jones' rink

suffered the only loss, despite some excellent bowling from their lead Fred Pike, going down by 13 shots.

Neville Young's rink lost both the first two ends, then came into their own when they altered the length of the jack to win comfortably.

Rink scores: Graham Gibbard 21-10; Charles Hiscock 19-16; Neville

# **CALLING ALL CLUB** OFFICIALS!

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# A good week for the **Llantwit bowlers** in cup and league! On

Club's penultimate game in the Munro Cup produced another win against Barry Central.

won, gaining 12 points, it was a close call with only a five-shot margin,

Alan Gibbard's rink had the best win with an 11-shot margin, while Charles Hiscock's rink had a stiffer battle, with Llantwit breaking clear on the final few ends.

Jones Young 19-15.

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Saturday, Cymmer came back at

Cymmer in Porth, main-deficit. taining their successful run in the league. They crushed skip, who saved his rink

shot win were again the highest holding shot Crane to give the rink a

good start. Charles manding lead before

MAJOR Bowling Llantwit travelled to the end to reduce the

Graham Jones' rink were up against a good Cymmer, taking maxion a number of occamum points in a 92-64 sions from losing ends, even on the final end Alan Gibbard's rink when Llantwit were

scoring rink, with Neville Young's rink young Richard George combined well, with all making his first team the players making a debut, combining well good contribution to with his lead John their 10-shot win.

Rink scores: Alan Gibbard 31-20; Charles Hiscock's Hiscock 22-16; Graham rink shot away at the Jones 17-16; Neville start to take a com- Young 22-12.

JY



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# but Cowbridge end up being second best ON an overcast day Chris Ross, who scored a Sam Wood off the bowlquickfire 20. ing of John Gilbert, but Eventually, Chris was the score continued to out for an excellent 36, rise as the experienced with rain in the air, quickfire 20. wel-

putting in a better nearer 200 was needed. display than last against week Maesteg.

Pontardawe won the and Cowbridge to bat first. Sam Wood and Stuart Morton opened the bat-ting and set about putting together a good opening partnership, but despite the score rising, three for 3 after 18 overs.

The captain and Chris Pontardawe Brace provided stability sensibly and without fuss, running well tuss, running well propel Pontardawe to 84 cally the performances between the wickets and for 2 off 18 overs.

putting away the bad deliveries. The score had Cowbridge bowled poor-reached 90 when Jonty ly; this was simply an was finally out for 27, exhibition of powerful can stop this run of loss-but Chris continued to batting from a batsman es away to Briton Ferry batts superbly, ably super on top form. He was next Saturday. bat superbly, ably sup- on top form. He was next Saturday. ported by newcomer finally well-stumped by

comed Pontardawe out for an excellent 30, the as the experience to the Athletic for 5, the home side were flowing. Ground, hopeful of conscious that a total of

> This total was very nearly reached through the exploits of Alastair Gilbert, with such a start Brace and Harri Collier, they were never really who put together a vital invited invited partnership, scoring 22 ing the target. Although that first. and 13 respectively. This both Harri Collier and pushed Cowbridge to a final score of 196 off their 50 overs.

The Second XI was confident that 196 would prove a difficult target to wickets went down to chase but, unfortunately, leave Cowbridge at 56 had not reckoned on the batting of N Joshi, the Pontardawe opening times has been fragile, batsman. Joshi proceeded but a score of 196 was at this point. Both batted to blast a blistering 63 testament to the efforts of runs, with seven 6s, to all those involved; espe-

Despite two wickets being taken by James Thomas and three wickets by the reliable John they were never really under pressure in reach-Alex Kurobasa bowled well, the target was reached for the loss of five wickets off 43 overs

This was a disappointing result for Cowbridge but there were some real positives to come from the game. The batting at propel Pontardawe to 84 cially the performances for 2 off 18 overs.

This is not to say that Brace, and that of Harri

Snelson picking up a that could influence their brace and Shane Callard, league form. DG

# Revenge for the Murch bowlers over Cadoxton

MURCH bowlers Guppy found the going travelled the short distance to Bowling 17-3 by the 10th end. Bowling bowling the short of the shor Cadoxton Bowling impressed with his rink's Club on Saturday their MĽ Division

Murch were looking for revenge after losing the Colin Reynolds Cup to Cadoxton two weeks onto an advancement with the Cadox on the Cadoxton two weeks onto the Cadoxton two weeks onto the Cadoxton two weeks on the Cadoxton two ago, and came away with

camps

Cowbridge Tennis

Club have got off to

coached by LTA-

Stephen Richards,

assisted by 15-year-

old Mike Barnett, a

Sixty budding play-

ers aged four upwards, have been introduced

to the game, or have been able to improve

on their skills over the

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-13, and August 16-0, at 9.15am -

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Due to demand, the

last three weeks.

junior member.

flying

licensed

Three jack and the game started to go in favour of the Murch, winning eight of the last 11 ends. onto win by three shots (20-17).

ago, and came away with 12 points. Skip Bob Hill, R Williams, R Crouch and Pemberton, T Rice and H R Pratt were off to a fly-

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impressed with his rink's the next five ends to and lost 32-8. performance, changed bring the score to 19-19 Skip I Rotactics by lengthening the on the 17th end. Murch Maunder, P W managed to hang on and won by 23-21.

Skip Colin Garland, J the fourth end.

Manfield, M Hughes and They did res on the fourth end, but From that point on, failed to score on the next Cadoxton went on to win five. Murch surged forby five shots. ward on the last 11 ends, with a good team effort and had a comfortable win by six shots.

On the control of the last 11 ends, with a good team effort and had a comfortable win by six shots.

On the control of the last 11 ends, with a good team of the last 11 ends, and G Vincent were 10-4 up on the 11th end.

On the captain's rink, skip Roger Mauchline, C to be only one shot Parsons, D Blainey and behind on the 19th end at D Poole struggled at the 14-13. Murch scored a start and were seven three on the 20th and shots down on the third went on to win by 17-15.
end. Skip Gus Santavy, G
Murch responded by Lane, R Huntley and C

scoring on the next three ends to bring the score to three on the fourth end. 7-7. From then on, they edged in front and recorded a win of 21-17. Aggregate

Cadoxton 69. Murch 78

A team turn the tables

Murch A team enter-tained Cadoxton A team at home on Saturday in the ML Division Six game, where the shoe was on the other foot and Cadoxton won by 21

Skip J Evans, M Williams, L Norton and M Wheadon drew the

ing start, being 17-6 up short straw, found themon the 12th end. selves up against a strong Cadoxton fought back Cadoxton rink and strugwell and took 13 shots on gled from start to finish

Salvidge were trailing by

recorded a win of 24-18. Aggregate score

Skip I Robinson, F Maunder, P Willis and M Warman found the going tough, trailing by four on

They did respond with Cadoxton, however, held R Grant led from the start a four on the fifth end to

From that point, they fought back and never looked in trouble and

Murch 64, Cadoxton 85.



# FROM SEA VIEW TO SNOWDONIA, IN ORDER

A GROUP of players and friends of Sea View RFC last week walked from their clubhouse, Café Continental, Barry Island, to the top of Snowdon, to raise money for Help for Heroes and the Welsh **Guards Afghanistan** Appeal.

The walkers set out on Sunday, reaching Snowdonia on Friday, July 30 where they were

met by more players who joined them in the final leg up Mount Snowdon, Setting out in bright sunshine, they all reached the summit in torrential, horizontal rain!

Thanks to all the campsites along the way who gave free accommodation to the walkers,and a massive thank you to Clwb Rygbi Bro Ffestiniog for hosting the team on the Friday night when the original campsite was washed out. Well done to all the guys who

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walked the whole way and to everyone who made the climb. Special thanks also go to Mandie and Matt the support team.

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# LINTON AND HIS COAC ARE OFF TO THE DEL

YEARS of training have finally come to fruition after Barry **YMCA** gymnast Clinton Purnell secured a 2010 Commonwealth

Games place.

The 20-year-old has been with the Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club for 14 years as an elite gymnast, and is now all set for the competition in Delhi, India, between September 27 October 11.

Haysham, who worked with him since he joined the club, estimated under Pete's guidance speedy recovery.
and, in the earlier years, Clinton will travel to
from the great Colin Delhi with Pete, who has



Clinton Purnell will be competing in Delhi.

training

Buffin.

Clinton's coach, Pete Nathan Mullett was guarhas anteed a space on the games training camp this became ce he team until a recent injury where they will work Neale Trust. nated forced him to pull out. with all the home nation As well a joined the club, estimated forced him to pull out that over the last 10 Nathan is understandably years, an estimated 7,800 very disappointed and the training hours have been coaches and staff at the spent at the Barry YMCA Barry YMCA wish him a

the male section to help purchase new gymnastics equipment and support Clinton.

The trust was estab-lished by Dr George Neale, the first medical officer for Barry from 1888-1914. Although he never had children himself, he worked tirelessly for the benefit of the sick and needy children in Barry, and on his death uffin. been selected as the left part of his estate to be Clinton's team mate national coach. There used for the benefit of the athan Mullett was guar- will be a two-week pre- children of Barry, and this became the George

> As well as requesting teams in the national the trust money was used at for the benefit of the poor children of Barry, Barry YMCA relief of poverty and prowould like to extend a big motion of education

thank you to Dr A Hughes was his special wish that received from sponsorat the Neale Trust. The such income should be ships, fundraising and trust has donated £700 to applied to improve the grants the Barry YMCA applied to improve the physical conditions of children, so that they may grow up as strong and the quality of coaching healthy men and women. and facilities. Anyone Barry YMCA would wishing to make a donaalso like to extend thanks tion or sponsorship to parent Mark Rowlands, who raised should contact Fay

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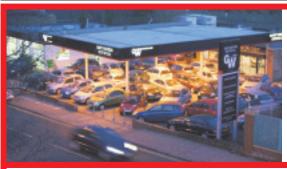
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# Tourism in the Vale will benefit from National Eisteddfod

Vale in 2012, a Vale councillor has said the benefits for tourism will be immense.

Wales' premier events in two

He said: "When I was cabinet I met the chief executive of the Eisteddfod

ble sites for the Eisteddfod. "We visited a number of pos-

sible locations, which included Llandow, and I did my very best Traherne, Coun Gwyn John, who repre-to encourage the chief executive sents Llantwit Major on the Vale that Llandow was the best Council, said the area would be option, with it being in close more than ready to host one of proximity to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge – and in the heart of the rural Vale.

member for leisure and tourism, been an announcement that the has now brought the biggest Eisteddfod in January 2008 Llandow. It is a dream come Llandow!"

National together with Chris Fray, the true and the impact it will make Eisteddfod coming to the Vale Council head of regenera- for tourism opportunities in the Vale is immense.

Coun John also emphasised: "My colleague on the Vale Rhodri Coun Traherne, took over from me after the county elections in May 2008 and has worked extremely hard in carrying our aims for-

"We have constantly commu-"I am overjoyed there has nicated and cross-party support is coming to annual event in Wales to

# **Competition hots up** at Llandow Karting

holiday season toll on Llandow just three-tenths behind Kart Club's July Sealy. meeting, the of some notable names did little to affect the quality of the racing on display in round six, on a day that initiality of the racing on display in round six, on a day that dawned damp, but dried despite persistent cloud.

The Bambino category saw only Morgan Chell on track, but the youngster again saved his best for last, posting a fastest lap of 33.8secs on his lap of 33.8secs of final run of the day.

to top the podium. The early heats suggested the day would belong to Max Wieteska, who claimed two victories, but only fourth place behind Ross Thomas, after dropping to the back of the field

Come the final, however and Wieteska was back on top, winning by a massive 11 seconds over Ross and Daniel Thomas.

With the Cadet field after a massive June Pidgley, Ryan Wheeler entry, Hondas and and Joshua Collings. entry, Hondas and Comers mixed it on

Griffith-Walker in the on the grid, Pidgley also opening heat, but then succumbed to the eventuremained unbeaten for al winner, but was prothe rest of the day, taking moted back to second a comfortable victory in the final, ahead of Lewis Griffiths and Tylor Griffiths and Tylor Ballard, with Griffith-Walker missing the podium by a 10th.

Another Welsh cham-

The main race proved to be a close-fought affair

ALTHOUGH the now off her novice start of the summer plates, ran the boys as close as anyone this seaappeared to take its season best times as she finished

Junior TKM 2-Stroke again fell to Sebastian Hutchinson who, despite finishing only third in his Niall Williams finished a distant second, but was well clear of third-placed Sam Morgan.

The Junior TKM 4-Stroke class belonged to Welsh champion Andrew Davies, who again swept all four races. Although he had to give best to With new Welsh classes well-champion Robbie Gallier head in the final, ne missing from the Cadet remained comfortably Honda class, the way was ahead of impressive novice Ryan Jones, who finished a couple of sec-

onds in his wake. Alex Thomas, having shone in the Junior Honda final, doubled up on the weekend, making a respectable Junior TKM debut to claim third in class.

Junior Rotax entries may have been reduced in number, but continued to produce some exciting racing, with the three heats being shared equal-ly between Oliver

Wheeler started the final from pole, but saw Welsh champion Collings seize top spot at
Harry Williams had to
give best to Louis come through from third

MiniMax saw multiple club champion Macaulay pion remaining at the Austin edge the opening head of his class was heat from Morgan Rose Lloyd Sealy, who won but then fail to appear for before claiming the final by a 10th ahead of perennial rival Jamie Warren.

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saw Rose return to the between three drivers. fore, winning by a fracthe latte However, Alex Thomas, tion under a second from the grid



Morgan Rose leads the MiniMax class en route to victory

with James Williams taking third.

Lone Junior Blue runner Phillip Gibbons
joined the MiniMax boys
in each of their races, Chell (CRG). winning heat two out-right, before finishing third on the road in the final.

Senior Honda boasted just five runners, includ-ing novice Steve Griffiths, but saw a new name emerge at the front as Ferdinand Ball enjoyed a career day. Two heat wins showed what the Junior Honda graduate was capable of, but no-one would have expected him to dominate the final as easily as he did, pulling away to a

he did, pulling away to a 3, Sam Morgan five-second win.

Returnee Chris JUNIOR TKM 4-Lipscombe and veteran STROKE – 1, Andrew Paul Saunders initially Davies (Jade); 2, Ryan duelled over the runnersJones (CRG). up spot, but it ultimately went to Welsh champion Simon Evans, as he battled back from an early

spin. on the grid, Pidgley also succumbed to the eventual winner, but was promoted back to second when Wheeler was later excluded from the results, allowing Adam Berwick to complete the podium.

Even the Senior Rotax (MINI MAX – 1, Morgan Rose (Tonykart); 2.

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James Williams (Tonykart); 3, Lewis Malin (Tonykart), 4, Lewis away to a comfortable win in the final.

However, as in the Juniors, there was a sting in the tail, with Jones being disqualified after the event, handing victory to the heat two winner Chris Davis. Ashley remaining two heats. Chris Davis. Ashley
The final, however, Davies and Jon Sweeper completed the podium, the latter from eighth on

The Rotax 177 class went the way of lone run-

CADET HONDA - 1

Max Wieteska (Zip); 2, Ross Thomas (Wright); 3, Daniel Thomas (Project One)

CADET COMER – 1, Harry Williams (Zip); 2, Lewis Griffiths (Zip); 3,

Tylor Ballard (Zip), 3, JUNIOR HONDA – 1, Lloyd Sealy (MS); 2, Jamie Warren (Wright);

3, Alex Thomas (Jade).
JUNIOR TKM 2STROKE – 1, Sebastian
Hutchinson (Intrepid); 2,
Niall Williams (Storm);

JUNIOR ROTAX - 1, Josh Collings (CRG); 2, Oliver Pidgley (Kosmic); 3, Adam Berwick

(Tonykart). MINI MAX – 1, Morgan

Ferdinand Ball (MS); 2, Simon Evans (7Kart); 3, Paul Saunders (7Kart).

SENIOR ROTAX – 1, Chris Davis (Storm); 2, SENIOR ROTAX Ashley Davies (Intrepid); 3, Jon Sweeper (Kosmic).

ROTAX 177 – 1, Wayne Stone (Tonykart).

Report: Craig
Llewellyn
Photo: Hardy Rodde







# GEM spor

# **Porthcawl** man named in golf Home International Welsh team

JONATHAN are also in the Home BALE, from the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, has been selected for the Welsh team at the Internationals, which will be held Ashburnham later in the month.

He clinched his place at the recent Welsh Amateur Championships in Tenby, where he lost in the quarter finals to eventual losing finalist, Oliver Farr from Ludlow.

The winner was Alastair Jones, who beat Farr 3 and 1 in the final.

Jones, who plays at Radyr GC, is the son of former Radio Five commentator Ron.

He is in Texas State University on a golf scholarship and was part of the smaller Wales team which qualified in fifth place European Amateur **Team** 

BRYNCETHIN

issued an invitation

for young players to

in playing rugby, come along and try it out!

Internationals side, including Wales's including Wales's youngest ever interna-tional Rhys Pugh (Vale of Glamorgan GC), along with Rhys along with Rhys Enoch and James Frazer, with Ben Westgate unavailable because of business

commitments.
Wenvoe Castle's
Nick James steps up after reaching the semi-finals of the Welsh Amateur, along with fellow losing semi-finalist Richard

James of Aberystwyth. The Girls Home International team are currently playing in, Bangor GC, Northern Ireland (August 4–6).

The team is: Amy Boulden (Llandudno Maesdu); Bradbury Katie (Cottrell Park); Chloe Williams (Wrexham); Myriam H a s s a n (Southerndown); Kelly (Penrhos); Miller

Rachel C Lewis (Llanishen); India Friswell (Wrexham); Championships. Sara
Five of that team (Penrhos).

Bryncethin

issue mini

and junior

invitation

Mini and Junior and 12s will train on Rugby Club has Thursdays from 5:30pm

Both boys and girls are welcome to attend the new training sessions

6.30pm.

# Hurdle success for Kenfig's John

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

KENFIG HILL'S John Flint teamed up with his son Rhys to land the James Derek Joynes Handicap Hurdle at Uttoxeter last week.

Changing Lanes, a seven-year-old bay geld-ing, owned by Terry Reffell, came home five lengths ahead of the favourite Filippe Lippi, ridden by the legendary A P McCoy, who is on record of saying that talented young jockeys in

the country.

Changing Lanes was winning for the first time in almost 12 months to the day. On that occasion it was a steeplechase rather than a hurdle race he won under Cowbridge's Deano

The horse was then trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, whose long iourney to Perth in Scotland last Tuesday paid off when he landed double with Gulf President and Lords

Bridge.
The former won by 13 lengths from the favourite *Symphonia* and the latter scored by 20 lengths from Zelos
Dictator. Both were ridden by Richard Johnson a former point-to-point rider from Herefordshire Tim and his wife Abbi

are holding their annual owners' day at Pant Wilkin Stables on Sunday (August 8) and owners will be coming from all over the country to see their horses.

There will be a tour of the yard, a parade of the horses in training, and a chance to see the horses

working on the gallops.

You can send your
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are welcome to attend the new training sessions.
A club spokesman said: "If you are a boy or a girl aged from six years old to 16, with an interest of For further details, and the spokesman said aged from six years to February.

For further details, and the spokesman said aged from six years to February. please contact Julie Morgan on 07812 along and try it out!

"Our training takes of place at Bryncethin of the Dunraven on 07785 282266 for the juniors.

"Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s

"The under 11s. 13s.

14s, and 16s are going to be training on

You can now read your Glamorgan GEM online just log onto: www.bridgend-today.co.uk or www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

# Athletic win Abercynon 7s plate final

BRIDGEND Athletic won the plate final of the Abercynon Sevens, defeating Merthyr 28-14 in the final.

The tries were scored by Lloyd Pemberton (2), Johnny Nation and Matthew Hillman. Stuart Morris

Lloyd Pemberton scored six tries in the competi-

tion.

In the group stage, they beat Llantwit Fardre, but lost to Cardiff. In the plate semi-final, they beat

The Athletic squad: Sean Williams, Matthew Hillman, Connor McDonald, James Groom, Simon Mustoe, Aled Thomas, Stuart Morris, Johnny Nation, Lloyd Pemberton and Andrew Tyler.

# **CROISSANTS** ARE ON FIRE AT THE TOP



CROISSANTS are Pie Boys by the same beginning to look like a formidable the Bridgend six-a-side hammering

score-line.

Dead End Jobs But

Football Gods have leapt to the summit of division league, even at this early stage, preservearly stage, preserv- while Young Exiles are ing their perfect up into second as they record with a 7-1 saw off the challenge of of Persil Boys by the same

Hangover Heroes.
Day Sleepers are among the early pacesetters as they eased to a 5- on in over Pencoed 0 win over Pencoed can ring 0845 230 2340 Leprecops while or wirit word. Leprecons, while or visit www.leisure-Bulldogs smashed The leagues.net

# Chris getting on his bike for a football charity

COWBRIDGE resident Chris Dennis, is taking part in the London Triathlon this August to raise money for the voluntary organisa-tion. Street Football Wales (SFW).

SFW is a voluntary organisation in South Wales, which arranges football matches for peo-ple experiencing social exclusion through homelessness and long-

term unemployment. Chris aims to raise as much money as possible for SFW, which receives virtually nothing in the form of funding, compared with its English equivalent charity, which receives more than £1million a year.

After fracturing bone in his knee playing football in February, Chris has only recently been able to resume his training regime for the London Triathlon. The event is being held on August 8 and combines a 1,500m swim, 40k cycle and 10km run around central London

Keri Harris of Street 'Chris Dennis has already provided SFW with invaluable support by fundraising through his company GKR Maintenance and Building Co. As a voluntary group, we rely on the goodwill of our sup-porters to enable us to deliver this highly valued service to more than 100 homeless and socially excluded people".

To donate to the cause people can either email Chris Dennis cdennis@gkrmaintenance.co. ukor go directly to Street Football Wales at: streetfootballwales@hot-



ABOVE: Chris Dennis is a big supporter of Street Football Wales.

# Running club goes from strength to strength

Running Club con- number rise, and more than 120 runners are Coaching and tion structure.

The non-profit making now training sessions.

been established and includes many who have already moved up from the beginners group.

The improvers group provides a link from the

Porthcawl beginners group to a sessions and beep your of tinues its meteoric advanced groups in the your support!

advanced coaching and competiTraining is 6.30pm on

runners are attending annual membership fee includes club vest, reflective safety vest and insurance. More than half are tive safety vest and insurate a Sunday morning, meet-female and there are ance, and there are no ing at 9.30am at various more than 35 runners in additional subscriptions venues such as Kenfig more than 35 runners in the beginners group.

An improvers group of over 20 runners has now price family and junior selection of training been established and membership package is routes. available.

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events...

# Zapcats Racing Grand Prix

Sat 7 & Sun 8 August, 11am to 5pm each day

Fast and furious watersports action returns to Barry Island following the success of 2009's inaugural event. The feisty catamarans will battle it out over two days of racing, with plenty of thrills and wipeouts expected. As the boats will be launched straight from the beach, with the whole course spanning just a few hundred metres from the shore, the action will be easy to follow for free from the beach and promenade. Find out more online at www.zapcat-racing.com

International Beach Volleyball

Sat 28 - Mon 30 August

Underlining the fact that Barry Island is fast becoming Wales' top venue for first-class beach volleyball, professional players from across the world will take to the sands during a weekend of competitive action. For further details please visit www.bibvc.co.uk

Please note that all performances during the Barry Summer Season are subject to change. To find out more about all of the events please go online at www.visitthevale.com











# Barry Waterfront Sat 4 September, 10am - 10pm & Sun 5 September, 11am - 7pm

Taking place on the Dock waterfront, the Barry Waterfront Festival has a completely new look for 2010.

The Waterfront will play host to a dazzling array of family entertainment and entry is entirely free! With Tall Ship Stavros and HMS Ramsey tied to their mooring on the dock nibs, the ships will form a tranquil backdrop to an eclectic mix of entertainment and attractions on the dock side.

Theatre, music, a solar powered circus, living history, street arts, children's workshops, a daily sailing regatta, a 40-foot whale and a unique pyrotechnic show are just some of the delights on offer during the two-day festival.

With a Waterfront Festival family fairground at the Good Shed site, Hood Road, the Waterfront Festival will be a fitting finale to the first Barry Summer Season.





Waterfront Festival 4 - 5 September

